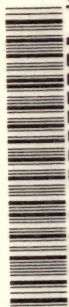


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PREFACE

To promote the orderly, reverent, and edifying conduct of Public Worship and other Services of the Church, in keeping with historical standards, is the ruling purpose of the present book. A Common Order in the government of the Church is recognized in every Christian communion; and a Common Order in regular Church Worship and Offices, without rigid uniformity, is correspondingly desirable, in so far as it is practicable. The freedom of the Spirit in fresh spontaneous expressions of devotion must ever be welcomed and conserved. The Forms of Service here following are not intended to restrict the exercise of such freedom. They are meant to be suggestive, to supply in specimens a standard and guide for Ministers, being at the same time corrective of irregular or extravagant effusions and of individual aberrations in the conduct of Church ordinances.

This book has been prepared by the Public Worship Committee appointed by the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in Canada, and has received the 'general approval' of the Assembly 'for voluntary use'.

Orders for Church Services and Offices may follow either of two different types. One of these is mainly based upon older historical models and materials, hallowed by ancient or continuous use. The other is generally cast in more modern terms of expression, and makes use of more recent compositions, which are at the same time fittingly devotional and dignified. In keeping with this distinction, alternative Services for Public Worship and for several Offices are provided in the present volume. The one or the other may be used as found suitable in different congregations and upon different occasions.

We have made a liberal draft upon prayers which are part of the common inheritance of the Christian Church, or which have established their value through widespread use. Some of these have become generally known through recognized Prayer Books, but they were mostly drawn from earlier sources and are

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common property. Many other prayers have been derived, either from kindred Service Books, or from individual sources, mostly outside the Committee, sometimes from its members.

In view of the representative character of the prayers here garnered, from many quarters and periods of time, the hope is cherished that this book, with slight adjustment of terms in certain Forms, may be found useful beyond as well as within the communion for which it was initially prepared, and may promote Christian unity through the cultivation of a community of soul and spiritual expression in Divine Worship among Christian people. Exemplifying the catholicity of the contents of the book, there are in the four Orders for Public Worship prayers derived from ancient liturgies associated with St. James, St. Mark, St. Basil, and St. Chrysostom, from Alcuin, from Calvin, and Cranmer, and from several recognized Ministers and Authors of our own generation.

We have to make grateful acknowledgement of indebtedness to outstanding Service Books, such as *The Book of Common Prayer* ; *Euchologion : A Book of Common Order* ; *The Book of Common Worship* ; as well as to the original *Book of Common Order* known as John Knox's Liturgy, and to *The Westminster Directory*. In the list of Sources given in an Appendix we make acknowledgment of the authorship of individual prayers, in so far as we have been able to ascertain the same.

Our hope is that these forms of prayer, the select outcome of so many prayers, may beget more prayers among us, and lead many to train themselves in the suitable expression of common prayer, as the ever-present Spirit of the Lord may teach us to pray.

R. E. WELSH,

Convener of Committee.

JAS. LITTLE,

Secretary.

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PART I

FORMS OF SERVICE FOR PUBLIC
WORSHIP

WITH

ALTERNATIVE AND ADDITIONAL PRAYERS

AN ORDER FOR PUBLIC WORSHIP

MORNING SERVICE. I

The Congregation being assembled, Public Worship shall begin with a Call to Worship by the Minister after this manner, the People reverently standing :

WE have not an high priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities ; but was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin. Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need.

Then, the People still standing, a Prayer of Invocation and Humble Access shall be said, after this manner (cf. also pp. 41-4) :

O GOD of Light, Father of Life, Giver of Wisdom, Benefactor of our souls, who givest grace to the faint-hearted that put their trust in Thee ; O Sovereign Lord, who hast brought us from the depths of darkness to light, and hast given us life from death: scatter, we beseech Thee, the darkness of sin within us ; enlighten the eyes of our understanding that we may see Thy glory ; and sanctify us in body, soul, and spirit, that we may be accepted in Thy presence : through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Here, and at the end of all other prayers, the People are to say, Amen.

A Psalm or Hymn of Worship shall now be sung.

Then, the People reverently bowing down, Prayers of Confession of Sins, Petition for Pardon, and Supplication shall be said, after this manner (cf. pp. 44-58):

FIRST MORNING SERVICE

Let us pray.

*Confession
and
Petition for
Pardon.*

ETERNAL and most merciful Father, we acknowledge and confess before Thy holy majesty that we are sinners unable of ourselves to do that which is good, transgressing continually Thy holy precepts, and by Thy just judgments deserving of condemnation. We beseech Thee to shew Thy mercy upon us, to forgive us all our sins, and so increase Thy Holy Spirit within us that we, acknowledging with contrite hearts our unrighteousness, and renouncing our sins, may bring forth such fruits as may be agreeable to Thy most blessed will: through Jesus Christ our only Saviour.

O MERCIFUL Father, graciously declare unto us Thy people, being penitent, the absolution and remission of our sins, according to Thy Word spoken of old: I have blotted out as a thick cloud thy transgression, and as a cloud thy sins.

Supplications. **O** GOD, who hast taught us to be careful for nothing, but in everything, by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving, to make known our requests unto Thee, give ear unto our prayer, and attend to the voice of our supplication.

God of all power and glory, who hast not appointed us unto wrath, but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, perfect and fulfil in us, we beseech Thee, the work of Thy redeeming mercy. Guide us evermore in the way of peace. Help us to overcome the world. Give us courage to confess Christ always, and patience to endure in His service to the end, that we may finish our course with joy.

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Here may be introduced any other subject for supplication (cf. pp. 48-58).

ALMIGHTY God, the fountain of all wisdom, who knowest our necessities before we ask, and our ignorance in asking : we beseech Thee to have compassion upon our infirmities; and those things which for our unworthiness we dare not, and for our blindness we cannot ask, vouchsafe to give us, for the worthiness of Thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

Now unto the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only wise God, be honour and glory for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Then shall be read the

First Scripture Lesson, before which the Minister or other reader shall say—

Hear the Word of God as it is written in . . . chapter . . . at the . . . verse. *At the end of the Lesson he may say—*May God bless to us the reading of His Holy Word.

*Or the Reading may be Concerted or Responsive, to be followed, when the Psalms are used, with the Gloria—*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost : as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. *Amen.*

A Hymn or Canticle shall then be sung.

Then shall be read the

Second Scripture Lesson, before which the Minister or other reader shall say—

Hear the Word of God as it is written in . . . chapter . . . at the . . . verse. *At the end of the Lesson he shall say—*May God bless to us the reading of His Holy Word.

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The Apostles' Creed *may here be recited by Minister and People together, all standing, or the Te Deum Laudamus (as in the Book of Praise) may be sung or said—*

I BELIEVE in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth ;

And in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried ; He descended into hell ; the third day He rose again from the dead ; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty ; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost ; the Holy Catholic Church ; the Communion of Saints ; the Forgiveness of sins ; the Resurrection of the body ; and the Life everlasting. *Amen.*

A Hymn shall follow, if the Te Deum has not been sung.

Then, the People reverently bowing down, Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession shall be said, after this manner (cf. also pp. 58-71) :

Let us pray.

Thanks-giving. **A**Lmighty God, Father of all mercies, we Thine unworthy servants do give Thee most humble and hearty thanks for all Thy goodness and loving-kindness to us and to all men. We bless Thee for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life ; but above all for Thine inestimable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ, for the means of grace and for the hope of glory. And we beseech Thee, give us that due sense of all Thy mercies, that our hearts may be unfeignedly thankful, and that we shew forth Thy praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives ; by giving up

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ourselves to Thy service, and by walking before Thee in holiness and righteousness all our days : through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom with Thee and the Holy Ghost be all honour and glory, world without end.

*Inter-
cession.* **O** GOD, who hast taught us by Thy holy Apostle that we should make intercession for all men, mercifully hear the petitions which we offer on their behalf.

O Thou God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, whom Thou hast exalted to be Head over all : cause Thy blessing, we beseech Thee, to rest upon the Church which He has purchased with His most precious blood. Illumine her Ministers with the knowledge and understanding of Thy Word. Send down the healthful dew of Thy grace upon all her congregations. Clothe her with the beauty of holiness and peace. Reveal Thy glory among all nations. Send the light of Thy gospel to the dark places of the earth ; call back to Thy fold those who have wandered therefrom. And bring in speedily the full victory of Thine everlasting kingdom : through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Almighty God, King of kings and Lord of lords, from whom proceedeth all power in heaven and on earth : most heartily we beseech Thee to look with favour upon his majesty the King and upon all members of the Royal Family, upon the Governor General, the legislature and the magistrates of this Dominion. Imbue all in authority with the spirit of wisdom, goodness, and truth ; and so rule their hearts and bless their endeavours, that law and order, justice and peace may everywhere prevail.

O GOD, the Father of all mankind, we implore Thy mercy in behalf of all classes and conditions of men ; that it may please Thee to visit

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them with Thy most compassionate help, according to their manifold necessities.

Especially we beseech Thee to shew Thy pity upon all widows and orphans, upon all prisoners and captives, upon all sick and dying persons, upon all who are desolate or sore afflicted in any way, upon all who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, and upon any such known to ourselves whom we name in our hearts before Thee. (*Here let there be a moment of prayer in silence.*) Enable them to look unto Thee, O most merciful Father, and to call upon Thy Name, that they may find Thee a present Saviour in their affliction and distress ; and let it please Thee to deliver them and to raise them up in due time, giving them patience under all their sufferings, the rich comfort of Thy grace here below, and eternal rest with Thee in heaven : through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Thanksgiving for the faithful Departed. **B**LESSED Lord, with whom do live the spirits of those departed in the faith, and who hast said unto us by Thy Spirit, Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord : enable us to be followers of them as they were followers of Christ; and so to run our race with patience, and to fight the good fight of faith, that, our course being finished and our warfare accomplished, we may join the innumerable company of the redeemed : through Jesus Christ our Lord, who ever liveth and reigneth with the Father and the Holy Ghost, world without end. *Amen.*

Then may follow the Lord's Prayer, said by Minister and People together :

OUR Father which art in heaven, hallowed be Thy Name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day

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our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil : for Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

A Hymn is here sung, which may be suitable for the Young, and may be preceded by a brief Address to the Young; or, where convenient, an Anthem may be sung.

This done, the Minister, having made such Announcements as are needful, shall say, The Offering will now be received. When it is presented at the Communion Table, there may be sung—All things come of Thee, O Lord, and of Thine own have we given Thee, or some verses of an appropriate Hymn ; or a Prayer of Dedication may be offered, after this manner (cf. also pp. 73-4) :

Let us pray.

O GOD, most merciful and gracious, of whose bounty we have all received : we beseech Thee to accept this offering of Thy people. Remember in Thy love those who have brought it, and those for whom it is given; and so follow it with Thy blessing that it may promote peace and goodwill among men, and advance the kingdom of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

A Prayer for Illumination (cf. pp. 74-6) may be offered before the Sermon.

A Sermon is then to be preached, which may conclude with an Ascription of Glory, or a Prayer after Sermon may be said, after this manner (cf. also pp. 76-9):

Let us pray.

Closing Prayer. **O** GOD, who didst teach the hearts of Thy faithful people, by sending to them the light of Thy Holy Spirit : grant us by the same Spirit to have a right under-

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standing of Thy saving truth. Visit, we pray Thee, this congregation with Thy love and favour ; and enlighten our minds more and more with the light of the everlasting Gospel : through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

A Hymn shall then be sung ; and the Minister shall close the Service by pronouncing, in the words of Holy Scripture, the Benediction, thus—

THE grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Ghost be with you all. *Amen.*

AN ORDER FOR PUBLIC WORSHIP

EVENING SERVICE. I

The Congregation being assembled, Public Worship may begin with the Minister saying, Let us worship God ; or with a Call to Worship after this manner, the People reverently standing :

SERVE the Lord with gladness ; come before His presence with singing. For the Lord is good ; His mercy is everlasting ; and His truth endureth to all generations.

Then, the People still standing, a Prayer of Invocation and Humble Access shall be said, after this manner (cf. also pp. 41-4) :

Let us pray.

O GOD, the Father of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, whose Name is great and whose goodness is inexhaustible : take every veil from our eyes, search out our consciences, and cast out of us every evil thought and base desire, and all that is contrary to Thy holy will. And grant us, O Lord, with freedom, with a pure heart and contrite soul, without confusion of face and with sanctified lips, boldly to call upon Thee our holy God and Father in heaven : through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Here, and at the end of all other Prayers, the People are to say, Amen.

A Psalm or Hymn of Worship shall be sung.

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Then, the People reverently bowing down, there shall follow Prayers of Confession of Sins, Thanksgiving, and Supplication, after this manner (cf. also pp. 44-61) :

*Confession
and
Petition for
Pardon.*

ALMIGHTY and most merciful God, who knowest the thoughts of our hearts, we confess that we have sinned against Thee, and done evil in Thy sight. Wash us, we beseech Thee, from the stains of our past sins, and give us grace and power to put away all hurtful things; so that, being delivered from the bondage of sin, we may bring forth fruits meet for repentance. Give us discernment in all things, that we may rightly distinguish between good and evil; and bestow on us, O Lord, the spirit of devotion, that we may inquire after Thee with the whole bent of our hearts.

*Thanks-
giving.*

O GOD, the Fountain of all mercies, we thank Thee for Thy constant goodness; for the bounty which has supplied our wants; for the providence which has kept us from harm; for the infinite love which has redeemed us from sin; for the grace which has enabled us in some measure to serve Thee in the world; for the ministrations of Thy Church on earth; and for the promise of an inheritance in heaven. Lord, make us worthy of all Thy goodness, and give us grace to magnify Thy Name for ever and ever.

*Supplica-
tions.*

ALMIGHTY God, the Fountain of all holiness, who by Thy Word and Spirit dost conduct Thy servants in the way of peace and righteousness: grant unto us so diligently to watch over all our actions, that we may never willingly transgress Thy holy laws; but that it may be the work of our lives to obey

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Thee, the joy of our souls to please Thee, and the satisfaction of all our desires to dwell with Thee in Thy holy and everlasting kingdom.

May the cross of Christ be our redemption, His death our life, His wounds our healing. In His blood may we be cleansed ; with His righteousness may we be clothed ; by His Spirit may we be sanctified ; and to His image may we be conformed.

As He died, may we die unto sin ; as He rose again, may we rise unto newness of life ; suffering with Him here, may we reign with Him hereafter ; and bearing now His cross, may we wear His crown.

Here may be introduced any other subject for Supplication (cf. pp. 48-58).

UNTO Him that loved us, and washed us from our sins in His own blood, and hath made us kings and priests unto God and His Father : to Him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen.

A Scripture Lesson shall then be read, before which the Minister or other reader shall say—Hear the Word of the Lord as it is written in . . . ; and after which he shall say—May God bless to us the reading of His Holy Word.

A Hymn or Canticle (Nunc Dimittis, or the Magnificat) shall now be sung.

Then, the People reverently bowing down, the Minister shall offer the Prayer of Intercession, after this manner (cf. also pp. 62-71) :

Let us pray.

Intercessions. O GOD, who dost accept the intercessions which Thy servants offer in the name of Thy Son our Lord : we entreat Thee for all mankind ; let Thy pity and pardon extend

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unto all. Let the Sun of righteousness shine upon those who sit in darkness, that the whole earth may be filled with Thy glory.

We pray for the whole company of the faithful throughout the world, that grace, mercy and peace may be multiplied to all who love the Lord Jesus Christ in sincerity ; and for those who minister in holy things, especially those who serve Thee in this congregation, that Thy gifts may be perfected in them, to Thy glory and the edifying of the Church.

Remember, we beseech Thee who art Lord over all, all princes and governors, all ministers of state and leaders of the people, that in their several offices they may advance Thy glory and the public good ; and make all our people throughout the land strong and great in the fear of God and the love of righteousness, that, being blessed of Thee, they may become a blessing to all nations, to the praise of Thy glory and grace : through Jesus Christ our Lord.

God of all pity and consolation, we pray for those who mourn, that they may be comforted ; for those who suffer pain, that they may be relieved ; for those in sickness, that they may be healed ; and for any such known to ourselves whom we name in our hearts before Thee. (*Here let there be a moment of prayer in silence.*) Especially we commend unto Thee the dying, entreating Thee to be with them in that hour when heart and flesh do faint and fail, and to receive them into Thy heavenly rest.

And, O most loving Father, we commend unto Thee all who have a place in our hearts, all our friends, kindred and benefactors, and all whom we have wronged, all little children dear to us, all our neighbours and their households, all who have helped us on our heavenly way, all our pastors and

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teachers ; beseeching Thee to keep them outwardly in their bodies and inwardly in their souls, and to pour upon them the continual dew of Thy heavenly grace.

*Thanksgiving
for the
faithful
Departed.*

O LORD of heaven and earth, we thank Thee for all Thy servants departed this life in Thy faith and fear, for all whose names are held in everlasting remembrance, and for those unnoted and unknown, who have served Thee in their day and generation. We remember with undying affection those dead who now live in Thee, the friends of our youth and of our later years, our fathers and brethren and little children, who have fallen asleep in Christ. Even now may we be one with them in fellowship of spirit, and hereafter may we be gathered together with them into the bosom of Thine infinite and eternal love : through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

*Then shall follow the Lord's Prayer, said by
Minister and People together :*

Our Father which art in heaven . . . *Amen.*

This done, the Minister, having made such Announcements as are needful, shall say, The Offering will now be received. When the Offering has been presented at the Communion Table, it may be dedicated by singing a verse of an appropriate Hymn ; or a Prayer of Dedication may be offered, after this manner (cf. also pp. 73-4) :

Let us pray.

ALL things come of Thee, O Lord, and of Thine Own have we given Thee. Now therefore, our God, accept, we beseech Thee, these offerings of Thy servants ; and with our gifts enable us to offer ourselves unto Thee, body, soul and spirit,

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a living sacrifice, holy and well-pleasing in Thy sight : through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

A Hymn may here be sung, or, where convenient, an Anthem. A Prayer for Illumination may be offered before the Sermon.

A Sermon is then to be preached, which may conclude with an Ascription of Glory.

Then follows the Prayer after Sermon, in these or the like words :

Let us pray.

Closing Prayer. **O** MERCIFUL God, Eternal Light, shining in darkness, who hast appointed the night for rest and the day for labour: we beseech Thee that our bodies may rest in peace and quietness, that afterward they may be able to endure the labour they must bear. Temper our sleep that it be not disorderly; that we may remain spotless in body and in soul; yea, that our sleep itself may be to Thy glory. Enlighten the eyes of our understanding, that we may not sleep in death. And, although we have not passed this day without greatly sinning against Thee, we beseech Thee to hide our sins with Thy mercy, as Thou hidest all things on earth with the darkness of the night, that we may not be cast out from Thy presence : through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

A Hymn shall then be sung ; and the Minister shall close the Service by pronouncing the Benediction :

THE peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of His Son Jesus Christ our Lord ; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be amongst you, and remain with you always. *Amen.*

AN ORDER FOR PUBLIC WORSHIP

MORNING SERVICE. II

The Congregation being assembled, an Introit or the Sanctus may be sung and Public Worship shall begin with a Call to Worship by the Minister after this manner, the People reverently standing :

O COME, let us worship and bow down ; let us kneel before the Lord our Maker. For He is our God ; and we are the people of His pasture, and the sheep of His hand.

Then, the People still standing, a Prayer of Invocation and Humble Access shall be said after this manner (cf. also pp. 41-4) :

Let us pray.

O LORD our God, Father everlasting and full of compassion, who satisfiest the desire of every living thing, quicken our hearts to desire those good things for which Thou hast spread a table for the children of Thy love. Help us to yield our whole being to the ministrations of Thy good Spirit. Take away all blindness of apprehension, and so illumine us that our souls shall burn inwardly towards Thee and our lives shine openly as lights in the world : through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Here, and at the end of all other Prayers, the People are to say, Amen.

A Psalm or Hymn of Worship *shall here be sung.*

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Then, the People reverently bowing down, there shall follow the Prayers of Confession of Sins, Petition for Pardon, and Supplication, after this manner (cf. also pp. 44-58) :

Let us pray.

*Confession
and
Petition for
Pardon.*

MOST holy and merciful Father, we acknowledge and confess in Thy presence our sinful nature prone to evil and slothful in good, and all our shortcomings and offences against Thee. Thou alone knowest how often we have sinned, in wandering from Thy ways, in wasting Thy gifts, in forgetting Thy love. But Thou, O Lord, have pity upon us, who are ashamed and sorry for all wherein we have displeased Thee. Teach us to hate our errors ; cleanse us from our secret faults ; and forgive our sins, for the sake of Thy dear Son our Saviour. And O most holy and loving Father, send Thy purifying grace into our hearts, we beseech Thee, that we may henceforth live in Thy light and walk in Thy ways : through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Grant us, O God, by the testimony of Thy Word and the witness of Thy Spirit with our spirits, the comforting assurance that Thou hast abundantly pardoned us who have sought Thy mercy and that we are Thy children : that so, being cleansed from an evil conscience, we may receive new strength to lead a new life in the joy of forgiveness, in fellowship with Thee and in goodwill toward all men : through Him who is the pledge of Thy grace, our Saviour Jesus Christ.

Supplications.

ALMIGHTY Father, as we remember before Thee our daily life with all its changes and constant needs, we pray that it may be more worthy those who bear the

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name of Thy Son. We remember the duties of our life, praying that they may always be performed as in Thy sight. We remember our temptations, that we may have strength given us to resist them. We remember the sin that doth so easily beset us, that through Thy grace we may obtain the victory. We remember the joy and brightness of our life, that in our gladness we may be filled with gratitude to Thee and kindness to others. We remember its sorrows, that in our saddest hours we may know that Thou art near us, and that we are not forsaken of Thee. We remember how the fashion of this world passeth away, praying that we may be delivered from the fear of death, and be given a peaceful entrance into Thine everlasting home.

O most loving God, in darkness and in light, in sorrow and in joy, in life and in death, may we feel Thy hand upon us in love, and so abide in the peace of Thy presence, now and evermore : through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Here may be introduced any other subject for supplication (cf. pp. 48-58).

Now unto Him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us, unto Him be glory in the Church by Jesus Christ throughout all ages, world without end. *Amen.*

Then shall be read the

First Scripture Lesson, *before which the Minister or other reader shall say :*

Hear the Word of God as it is written in . . . chapter . . . at the . . . verse. *At the end of the Lesson he shall say—May God bless to us the reading of His Holy Word.*

Or the Reading may be Concerted or Respon-

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sive, to be followed, when the Psalms are used, with the Gloria—Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost : as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. *Amen.*

A Hymn or Canticle shall then be sung.

Then shall be read the

Second Scripture Lesson, before which the Minister or other reader shall say—Hear the Word of God as it is written in . . . chapter . . . at the . . . verse. At the end of the Lesson he shall say—May God bless to us the reading of His Holy Word.

The Apostles' Creed may here be recited by Minister and People together, all standing, or the Te Deum Laudamus (as in the Book of Praise) may be sung or said.

A Hymn shall follow, if the Te Deum has not been sung.

Then, the People reverently bowing down, there shall be said Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession, after this manner (cf. also pp. 58-71):

Let us pray.

Thanks-
giving. **O** GOD Eternal, source of all goodness, we thank Thee for Thine unending benefits and Thy boundless pity. We bless Thee for health, for the comforts of home and the joys of kindred and acquaintance, for toil that makes rest sweet and rest that refreshes us for toil. We praise Thee for the varied lessons of life in its progress from youth to age ; for all benefactors of our race and our inheritance in a nation so great and a Church so free ; for the countless mercies with which our lot is enriched, especially those now present to our remembrance. (*Here let there be a moment of prayer in silence.*)

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We bless and praise Thee above all for what Thou hast done for us and in us, in giving us reasonable souls and revealing to them Thy gracious will and purpose. We thank Thee for our greater nearness to Thee and to one another through Thy Son our common Lord, for the new and living way into Thy presence which He has opened for us, and for the life eternal which comes by Him to as many as believe in His Name.

Grant, blessed Lord, that we, having these gifts and benefits, may not live unto ourselves but unto Thee ; that, being set free from avarice, envy and guile, we may ever grow wiser and better, and each day learn more truth and attain to a greater measure of virtue, holiness and power for service, and to a fuller vision of Thy grace and glory : through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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cessions.* **A**LMIGHTY God and Father, who hast taught us to offer prayers to Thee for all men : help us now with brotherly kindness to remember the sins and sorrows of our lost world ; so that with pitiful hearts we may make intercession with Thee for our brothers and sisters of the whole human race.

Have mercy, O God, on all mankind ; convert the heathen nations to the cross of Christ ; and sustain all missionaries at home and abroad both in body and in spirit. Increase the liberality and holy living of all Christian peoples. Let Christ's kingdom come ; and let us and ours be found in Him in that great day when He shall judge the world.

Defend, O Lord, by Thy mighty power, and with Thy counsel guide, all Christian kings and righteous rulers : especially our sovereign lord the King, all who direct the order and administer the government of this nation and empire, and all our leaders in civic affairs and in the spread of knowledge.

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Bless with light and life from on high the whole Church of Christ. Dispel darkness and superstition, worldliness and unbelief. Unite all good men in loyalty to Thee and love to one another. And let the truth ever be more fully known, and the Master ever more faithfully served.

Guard our homes from hurt and harm ; console friends that mourn ; bless the little children ; cheer the aged, and the lonely, and the careworn ; speak peace to those who have lost the kindly light of reason ; restore, if it please Thee, any that are sick ; fulfil the hopes of youth ; and strengthen those who bear the burden of maturer years.

Hear our unspoken prayers, especially for those whom we remember in our hearts before Thee.

(Here let there be a moment of prayer in silence.)

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AND, keeping in continual remembrance those who companied with us here on earth and have entered into life more abundant, we pray Thee to bring us all at last to the blessed home of Thy children, to glorify and enjoy Thee evermore with unclouded vision and undivided love.

Accept these petitions which we offer one for another, in the Name of Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

*Then may follow the Lord's Prayer, said by
Minister and People together :*

Our Father which art in heaven . . . Amen.

*A Hymn is here sung, which may be suitable for the Young
and may be preceded by a brief Address to the
Young ; or, where convenient, an Anthem may be
sung.*

*This done, the Minister, having made such Announcements
as are needful, shall say, The Offering will*

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now be received. *When it is presented at the Communion Table, there may be sung—All things come of Thee, O Lord, and of Thine own have we given Thee, or some verses of an appropriate Hymn ; or a Prayer of Dedication may be offered, after this manner (cf. also pp. 73-4) :*

Let us pray.

HEAVENLY Father, Giver of all good things, who hast taught us that it is more blessed to give than to receive, we dedicate these our offerings to the service of Thy Church, humbly beseeching Thee that all our gifts and energies may be consecrated to Thy kingdom on earth : through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

A Sermon is then to be preached, which may conclude with an Ascription of Glory, or a Prayer after Sermon may be said, after this manner (cf. also pp. 76-9) :

Let us pray.

Closing Prayer. **A**LMIGHTY God, giver of life and light, we beseech Thee so to teach us those things which belong to Thy heavenly kingdom, and those duties which are of the earth, that we may be enabled to do the work committed to us, looking ever unto Thee for light and life ; that, being lifted above ourselves, we may have our strength renewed by the life of God in our souls, and the peace of God may abide in our hearts : through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

A Hymn shall then be sung ; and the Minister shall close the Service by pronouncing in the words of Holy Scripture the Benediction, thus :

THE grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Ghost be with you all. *Amen.*

AN ORDER FOR PUBLIC WORSHIP

EVENING SERVICE. II

The Congregation being assembled, Public Worship may begin with the singing of an Introit or the Sanctus, or with a Call to Worship by the Minister after this manner, the People reverently standing :

GIVE unto the Lord the glory due unto His name : bring an offering, and come into His courts. O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness.

Then, the People still standing, a Prayer of Invocation and Humble Access shall be said, after this manner (cf. also pp. 41-4) :

Let us pray.

THE day is Thine, O Lord, the night also is Thine. In the morning we wait on Thee to renew our strength ; in the evening we seek the shelter of Thy wings. Blessed and abiding God, let us seek Thy face as already near to every one of us, and lay our hearts low before Thee, and Thou wilt enter in.

Have regard to our suppliant cry, O Lord, not by the measure of our deservings, but according to the fulness of Thy mercy, in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Here, and at the end of all other Prayers, the People are to say, Amen.

A Psalm or Hymn of Worship shall then be sung.

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Then, the People reverently bowing down, there shall follow the Prayers of Thanksgiving, Confession of Sins, and Supplication, after this manner (cf. also pp. 44-61) :

A General Prayer. **A**LMIGHTY Father, each day would we offer Thee the first tribute of our thoughts, and in this hallowed hour would we utter the memories of creating goodness and redeeming love.

For unnumbered mercies, often unnoticed, oftener unimproved, and ever undeserved, we thank and praise Thee. For our being and our well-being, for the supply of our wants and the preservation of our lives, for health of body and vigour of mind, for all the temporal blessings Thou hast bestowed and the evils Thou hast averted, we bless and praise Thy name.

As for the blessings of Thy providence, so also would we thank Thee for the riches of Thy grace. For the ministry of Thy holy Son our Lord in word and deed, in life and death, reconciling the world unto Thyself ; for the power and gifts of the Holy Spirit ; for the fellowship of the Church ; and for the cherished memory of Thy servants who have entered into rest : our souls would magnify the Lord, and our spirits would rejoice in God our Saviour. —

Alas, that the homage of our lips should be so often belied by the unfaithfulness of our lives. Help us no longer to offend ; suffer us no more to wound our consciences and grieve Thy Holy Spirit. The sins we confess, entreating Thy forgiveness, enable us to renounce. The errors we deplore help us to correct. From the stains of sin do Thou cleanse us ; from the shame of sin do Thou cover us ; from the dominion of sin, Redeemer of our souls, be pleased to deliver us.

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May every thought of our minds, and every feeling of our hearts, and every energy of our lives be brought into the obedience of Christ. Endue us, we beseech Thee, with the mind that was in Him. Bestow on us the spirit of self-sacrifice, a heart that knows not a selfish wish, a will that bends all inclinations and purposes to the will of God.

And, O gracious God, in whatever lot Thou dost assign to us, help us, in glad contentment, to find in all around us food for holy thought, helps to holy discipline, and occasion for doing good unto all men. Illumine our minds with Thy wisdom, and direct our erring steps by Thy guiding hand. May every period as it passes render us more gentle, earnest, unselfish and heavenly-minded. Bring us ever in spirit nearer to Thyself, to be perfectly transformed into the image of Thy Son, that we may be made meet for serving Thee here, and made partakers of the glory which is to be revealed hereafter.

All which we ask for the sake of Him who is the pledge and earnest of all Thy gifts, in whom and with whom Thou hast freely given us all things, even Jesus Christ our Lord and Saviour. *Amen.*

Here the Lord's Prayer may be said by Minister and People together :

Our Father which art in heaven . . . *Amen.*

A Hymn, or Canticle (Nunc Dimittis or Magnificat) shall then be sung.

Here may follow Concerted or Responsive Readings from Scripture, the People standing : to conclude with the Gloria when the Psalms are read.

Then shall be read the

Scripture Lesson, before which shall be said—Hear the Word of God as it is written in . . . ; and after

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which the Minister may say—May God bless to us the reading of His Holy Word.

A Hymn may here be sung.

Then, the People reverently bowing down, there shall follow the Prayer of Intercession, after this manner (cf. also pp. 62-71) :

Let us pray.

Intercessions. **O** GOD, the Father of all mankind, who hast been mindful of us, we beseech Thee to reveal Thy mercy unto all men, and in Thy great goodness to regard those for whom we intercede.

We remember before Thee Thy Church throughout the world ; heal the divisions that separate Thy people one from another and from Thee ; and grant unto them such zeal for the gospel and cause of Jesus Christ that the number of Thy faithful people may be daily increased, and Thy kingdom advanced in the world. Bestow Thy blessing upon all ministers and teachers, all evangelists and missionaries at home and abroad, that as Thy faithful witnesses they may with joy and assurance set forth by word and life the grace of the Lord Jesus, and persuade many to forsake their sin and turn to Thee.

As for the whole Church on earth, so also we pray for that branch of it in which Thou hast joined us unto Christ ; that we may know Him more truly, love Him more heartily, and serve Him more faithfully.

O Lord, we beseech Thee to hear our prayers—

For those who worship here, that they may be united in the love and following of Thy blessed Son, fruitful in good works, and at one with all who seek to do Thy will.

For the elders of the people, and all who serve

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Thee in any charge or office, for those who lead in sacred song and those who teach the young, for visitors of the sick and helpers of the poor ; that by Thy continual help they may be able to please Thee in all that Thou hast granted them to do.

For the children, that they may remember Thee in the days of their youth, be preserved in innocence of life, and grow up in Thy love and fear.

For our homes, that each may be a shelter from sin and care ; and for those who carry the burdens thereof, that they may be strong to earn the bread of uprightness and be preserved from the worldly mind.

For the aged, that they may obtain tenderness from us and compassion from Thee.

For the lonely, the sorrowful, the sick in constant pain, for those in distress or perplexity, in temptation or evil ways ; that in solitude Thou wilt be their Comforter, in difficulty their Guide, in weakness their Strength, in weariness their Rest, in darkness and error their Light and their Salvation.

For our country, our cities, our leaders and our industries ; that integrity and justice may prevail.

For our dear ones, whom we remember before Thee, wherever they may be (*here let there be a moment of prayer in silence*) ; that Thou wilt keep them in stainless honour and in love of Thee. And all forgotten by us but dear to Thee do Thou, O Lord, remember in mercy : through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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ETERNAL God, with whom do live the spirits of those who depart hence : we remember, with quiet and grateful hearts, those known and dear to us, who have found their rest in Thee. Mercifully grant that their example and memory may stir us to a better life ; that when our course is finished,

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we may be counted worthy to dwell with them in the blessed home of everlasting light and love : through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with Thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honour and glory, world without end. *Amen.*

Then the Minister, having made such Announcements as are needful, shall say, The Offering will now be received. When the Offering has been presented at the Communion Table, it may be Dedicated by Prayer, after this manner (cf. also pp. 73-4) :

Let us pray.

O LORD our God, who givest liberally and upbraidest not, teach us to give cheerfully of our life and substance, and to devise liberal things for Thy cause and kingdom. Let Thy blessing accompany our offerings to their destined ends, and let us know the blessedness of those who give with both hand and heart : through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

A Hymn may here be sung, or, where convenient, an Anthem.

A Sermon is then to be preached, to be followed by Prayer, after this manner (cf. also pp. 76-7) :

Let us pray.

Closing Prayer. **H**EAVENLY Father, who slumberest not nor sleepest, we commend to Thy gracious care and keeping ourselves and all who belong to us. We thank Thee for the bright and healing light of this day, and now for the restful night. Lift from our minds the burdens of our wakeful hours ; visit our bodies with refreshing sleep. Through the darkness keep us safe and undefiled. And wake us to meet to-morrow's duties in strength of body and vigour of mind, with peace in our spirits and courage in our

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hearts : through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

A Hymn shall now be sung ; and the Minister shall close the Service by pronouncing the Benediction :

THE peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of His Son Jesus Christ our Lord ; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be amongst you, and remain with you always. *Amen.*

ALTERNATIVE AND ADDITIONAL PRAYERS

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FOR GENERAL USE IN PUBLIC WORSHIP CALL TO WORSHIP AND OPENING SENTENCES

O magnify the Lord with me ; and let us exalt His Name together.

Seek ye the Lord and His strength ; seek His face evermore.

Bless ye the Lord, all ye servants of His, who by night stand in the house of the Lord.

Lift up your hands in the sanctuary : and bless the Lord.

Where two or three are gathered together in My Name, there am I in the midst of them.

This is the confidence that we have in Him, that if we ask anything according to His will, He heareth us.

O taste and see that the Lord is good ; blessed is the man that trusteth in Him.

God is greatly to be feared in the assembly of the saints, and to be had in reverence of all them that are about Him.

Behold the tabernacle of God is with men, and He will dwell with them, and they shall be His

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people, and God Himself shall be with them and be their God.

Draw nigh to God, and He will draw nigh to you. Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord, and He shall lift you up.

From the rising of the sun, unto the going down of the same, the Lord's Name is to be praised.

Serve the Lord with gladness; come before His presence with singing. Enter into His gates with thanksgiving and into His courts with praise. Be thankful unto Him and bless His Name.

The Lord is nigh unto all them that call upon Him, to all that call upon Him in truth. He will fulfil the desire of them that fear Him; He also will hear their cry, and will save them.

God is a Spirit, and they that worship Him must worship Him in spirit and in truth.

I will pay my vows unto the Lord now, in the presence of all His people.

Thus saith the High and Lofty One that inhabiteth eternity, whose name is Holy : I dwell in the high and holy place, with him also that is of a contrite and humble spirit, to revive the spirit of the humble and to revive the heart of the contrite ones.

Having these promises, let us draw near to the throne of grace with true hearts, in full assurance of faith.

O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good, for His mercy endureth for ever.

O bless our God, ye people, and make the voice of His praise to be heard : which holdeth our soul in life, and suffereth not our feet to be moved.

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My voice shalt Thou hear in the morning, O Lord ; in the morning will I direct my prayer unto Thee, and will look up. Lord, hear my voice ; let Thine ears be attentive to the voice of my supplications. My soul waiteth for the Lord more than they that watch for the morning.

Blessed are they that dwell in Thy house ; they will be still praising Thee. Blessed is the man whose strength is in Thee ; in whose heart are the highways to Zion.

What shall I render unto the Lord for all His benefits toward me ? I will take the cup of salvation, and call upon the Name of the Lord. I will pay my vows unto the Lord now in the presence of all His people.

I will come into Thy house in the multitude of Thy mercy ; and in Thy fear will I worship toward Thy holy temple.

Let the words of our mouth, and the meditation of our heart, be acceptable in Thy sight, O Lord, our Strength and our Redeemer.

One thing have I desired of the Lord, that will I seek after, that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the Lord, and to inquire in His temple.

Blessed is the man whom Thou choosest, and causest to approach unto Thee, that he may dwell in Thy courts : we shall be satisfied with the goodness of Thy house, even of Thy holy temple.

The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit ; a broken and a contrite heart, O God, Thou wilt not despise.

Offer the sacrifices of righteousness, and put your trust in the Lord.

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I was glad when they said unto me, Let us go into the House of the Lord.

Seek ye the Lord while He may be found ; call upon Him while He is near. Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts, and let him return unto the Lord, and He will have mercy upon him, and to our God, for He will abundantly pardon.

Ask and it shall be given you ; seek, and ye shall find ; knock, and it shall be opened unto you. For every one that asketh receiveth ; and he that seeketh findeth ; and to him that knocketh it shall be opened. I will pay my vows unto the Lord, now, in the presence of all His people.

Christmas.

Behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day, in the city of David, a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord.

The Dayspring from on high hath visited us, to give light to them that sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the way of peace.

Easter.

This is the day which the Lord hath made ; we will rejoice and be glad in it.

Now is Christ risen from the dead, and become the firstfruits of them that slept.

Break forth into joy, sing together, ye waste places of Jerusalem ; for the Lord hath comforted His people.

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Whit-Sunday.

It shall come to pass that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh ; and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, your young men shall see visions : and also upon the servants and upon the handmaids will I pour out My Spirit.

PRAYERS OF INVOCATION AND ADORATION

(1) O God, Light of the hearts that see Thee, and Life of the souls that love Thee, and Strength of the thoughts that seek Thee ; from whom to turn away is to fall, to whom to be turned is to rise, and in whom to abide is to stand fast for ever : grant us now Thy grace and blessing, as we are here assembled to offer up our common supplications ; and though we are unworthy to approach Thee, or to ask anything of Thee at all, vouchsafe to hear and answer us, for the sake of our Great High Priest and Advocate, Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

(2) Almighty God, unto whom all hearts be open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid : cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of Thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love Thee, and worthily magnify Thy holy Name : through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

(3) Almighty and everlasting God, who art always more ready to hear than we to pray, and art wont to give more than either we desire or deserve : pour down upon us the abundance of Thy mercy ; forgiving us those things whereof our conscience is afraid, and giving us those good things which we are not worthy to ask but through the merits and

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mediation of Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord.
Amen.

(4) Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who hast promised that in all places where Thou dost record Thy Name, Thou wilt meet with Thy people to bless them : fulfil now Thy promise unto us, and make us joyful in Thy house of prayer ; and grant that our worship, being offered in the Name and in the Spirit of Thy Son, may be acceptable unto Thee, and profitable unto ourselves : through our only Mediator and Advocate, Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

(5) Eternal God, our Maker and our Lord, Giver of all grace, from whom every good prayer cometh, and who pourest out upon all who seek Thee the spirit of grace and supplication : deliver us, when we draw nigh to Thee, from all coldness of heart and wandering of mind ; fill us with holy, peaceful and gracious thoughts ; that with steadfast minds and kindled affections we may worship Thee in spirit and in truth : through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

(6) O Lord our God, we lift up our eyes unto the hills from whence cometh our help. Thou only art the Fountain of life and peace, and in Thy presence is fulness of joy. Father in heaven, from whom cometh down every good and perfect gift, incline Thine ear unto us as we come before Thee in the service of Thy house. Merciful Saviour, who makest intercession for us, fulfil now Thy promise : Where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them. O Holy Ghost, the Comforter, help our infirmities, and enable us to worship in the beauty of holiness.
Amen.

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(7) Lord God of heaven and earth, who hast made the Church Thy dwelling-place, and who hast taught us in Thy Word not to forsake the assembling of ourselves together : regard us in Thy mercy, we beseech Thee, and send Thy Holy Spirit upon us ; that our worship may prepare us both to serve Thee now, and to glorify Thee in Thine eternal kingdom : through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

(8) High and holy Lord God Almighty, who art the fountain of all true thoughts and right resolves, be pleased to still the tumult of earthly cares within our breasts, and fill our minds with deep devotion, that for a little while we may rise above the jar and fret of daily life, and join with grateful hearts in that pure worship which, from spirits higher and holier than ours, for ever ascends before Thy throne, giving praise and thanks and honour unto the Lamb that was slain, our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, to whom be glory both now and ever. *Amen.*

(9) O Lord our God, who art always more ready to bestow Thy good gifts upon us than we are to seek them ; help us so to seek that we may truly find, so to ask that we may joyfully receive, so to knock that the door of Thy mercy may be opened to us : through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

(10) Holy and gracious God, who art the Father of our spirits, in whose presence is the home of Thy children and the sanctuary of sinful men : we come at Thy call to wait upon Thee for Thy mercy and benediction. As when Thou condemnest it is dark, and when Thou smilest it is sunshine, so, we entreat Thee, lift upon us the light of Thy countenance, and grant us, according to our need and the abundance of Thy goodness, Thy favour which is better than life : through Him who dost enrich us in all things, even Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

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(11) Eternal and ever-blessed God, we bow down before Thy Divine majesty, adoring Thee, the Lord of heaven and earth, of whom and through whom and to whom are all things : unto whom be glory for ever and ever. *Amen.*

(12) O God, our true life, in whom and by whom all things live : Thou commandest us to seek Thee, and art ready to be found ; Thou biddest us to knock, and openest when we so do. To know Thee is life, to serve Thee is freedom, to enjoy Thee is a kingdom, to praise Thee is the joy and happiness of the soul. We bless and adore Thee, we worship Thee, we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee for Thy great glory.

We humbly beseech Thee to abide with us, to reign in us, to make this heart of ours a holy temple, a fit habitation for Thy divine Majesty. O Thou Maker and Preserver of all things, visible and invisible, keep, we beseech Thee, the work of Thine own hands, who trust in Thy mercy alone for safety and protection. Guard us with the power of Thy grace, here and in all places, now and at all times for evermore. *Amen.*

PRAYERS OF CONFESSION OF SINS AND PETITION FOR PARDON

(1) Almighty and most merciful Father, we have erred and strayed from Thy ways like lost sheep ; we have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts ; we have offended against Thy holy laws ; we have left undone those things which we ought to have done ; and we have done those things which we ought not to have done ; and there is no health in us. But Thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us miserable offenders. Spare Thou them,

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O God, which confess their faults. Restore Thou them that are penitent, according to Thy promises declared unto mankind in Christ Jesus our Lord. And grant, O most merciful Father, for His sake, that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous and sober life, to the glory of Thy holy name. *Amen.*

(2) Almighty and most merciful God, our heavenly Father, we cast ourselves before Thee under a deep sense of our unworthiness. We have grievously sinned against Thee in thought, in word, and in deed. We have come short of Thy glory. We have broken Thy commandments, and turned aside every one of us from the way of life. We especially confess those sins now present to our minds. . . . Yet do Thou, O most merciful Father, hear us when we call upon Thee with penitent hearts. Pardon our sins, and grant us Thy peace. Purify us, by the inspiration of Thy Holy Spirit, from all inward weakness, and make us able and willing to serve Thee in newness of life, to the glory of Thy holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

(3) O God, searcher of hearts, we strive now to remember our sins in Thy presence, that we may confess them before Thee. . . . We cannot tell how often we have offended. In many things we have done amiss. Other lords besides Thee have had dominion over us. Too often have we sought rest in the things of the world ; too often have we sought our own pleasure and interest rather than Thy glory and the good of others ; too often have we closed our eyes against the light. All our sins in our remembrance we confess. Those sins which we have forgotten Thou knowest ; those hidden from the world are open to Thee. Have mercy upon us, O Father, for them all. Give us grace truly to repent of them, heartily to forsake them, earnestly

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to fight against them, and finally to overcome them, and to enter into the peace of the life eternal : through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

(4) O most holy God, with deep sorrow, humility and penitence, we bow before Thee and make our confession. We are stained by many sins. We cannot answer for one of our transgressions. We are without excuse before Thee. To Thee we show our weakness ; to Thee we open our shame. To Thine ear we tell those things which it is bitter for us to remember. O merciful God, grant unto us who have made our confession true repentance, pardon, and peace, that being cleansed from all our sins, nothing may be able to separate us from Thy love all the days of our life : through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

(5) All holy and all merciful God, we confess our sins unto Thee, those by which our hearts are now saddened in Thy presence. We confess the vanity of our thoughts, the waywardness of our hearts, the barrenness of our lives, our want of love to Thee, our want of charity to our neighbour, the weakness of our faith, the deadness of our hope, the coldness of our worship, the poverty of our service for Christ our Saviour. Wherein we have forgotten Thee ; wherein we have lived without Thee ; wherein we have yielded to temptation ; wherein we have sought our own and not Thine ; wherein we have dishonoured the holy name of Christ which we bear, pardon and forgive us. Turn us away from evil. Fill our hearts with Thy peace. Guide our steps by Thy grace, and finally bring us to everlasting life : through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

(6) O God, most holy, we mourn that in our hearts there is an everlasting possibility of evil ;

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that in our lives there is so much that is unworthy of those called to be Thy children ; that still to us holiness is a struggle and goodness an uncertain possession. This we mourn—our unsteadiness in the Christian life, our leaning to evil which has turned us aside into forbidden paths to taste of forbidden fruits. O God, forgive us—forgive Thy people whom Thou hast redeemed with the most precious blood of Thy dear Son. Create within us a clean heart, we beseech Thee ; and vouchsafe unto us Thy heavenly grace, that we turn not again to folly, but walk in the footsteps of Jesus, who left us an example that we should follow His steps.
Amen.

(7) O God, the Father of lights, with whom is no variableness nor shadow of turning : we beseech Thee to look in mercy upon us, Thy sinful and wayward children ; and so direct the eyes of our faith unto Thee, that at all times we may receive a heavenly illumination, through Thy Word and Spirit ; and walk securely, in confidence and peace, amid the shadows of this mortal life. Bestow upon us the pardon of our sins, and such a vision of the truth as it is in Jesus, that the darkness of evil may be driven from our hearts, and we may render unto Thee songs of praise : through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

(8) O Lord, in whose hands are life and death, by whose power we are sustained, and by whose mercy we are spared: look upon us in compassion. Forgive us that we have so much neglected the duty which Thou hast assigned to us, and have suffered the days and hours of which we must give account to pass away without endeavours to accomplish Thy will. Make us ever to remember, O God, that each day is Thy gift, to be used according to Thy

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command. Grant us, therefore, so to repent of our negligence that we may obtain mercy of Thee, and pass the time which Thou shalt yet allow us in diligent performance of Thy will : through Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

(For the Holy Communion.)

(9) We bow down before the face of Thy Divine Majesty, O God, burdened by our sinfulness and guilt. Have mercy upon us, miserable sinners. Enter not into judgment with Thy servants, for in Thy sight shall no man living be justified. For the sake of Thy Son Jesus Christ, absolve us from all our transgressions. Cleanse our minds, we beseech Thee, by the inspiration of Thy Holy Spirit, that we, Thy redeemed people drawing near unto Thee now in this Holy Sacrament, with pure heart and undefiled conscience, and in peace and charity with all men, may offer an acceptable sacrifice to the comfort of our own souls and the glory of Thy Holy Name : through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

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(1) Come, O Holy Spirit, and bring from heaven a ray of light. Come, Thou Father of the poor, Thou Giver of gifts, Thou Light of the world, the blessed Comforter, the dear guest of the soul, and its sweet refreshment : Thou, our repose in labour, our coolness in heat, our comfort in affliction : O most Blessed Spirit, fill full the hearts of Thy faithful people. Without Thy influence there is nothing in man that is not weakness and guilt.

O cleanse that which is sordid ; bedew that which is dried up ; heal that which is wounded ; bend that which is stubborn ; cherish in Thy bosom that which is cold ; guide that which is wandering.

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And grant unto Thy servants, trusting in Thee, the merit of Thy righteousness. Grant them final salvation. Grant them everlasting joy.

O Lord, hear our prayer, and let our cry come unto Thee. *Amen.*

(2) O Lord our God, teach us, we beseech Thee, to ask Thee aright for the right blessings. Steer Thou the vessel of our life toward Thyself, Thou tranquil haven of all storm-tossed souls. Shew us the course wherein we should go. Renew a willing spirit within us. Let Thy Spirit curb our wayward senses, and guide and enable us unto that which is our true good, to keep Thy laws, and in all our works evermore to rejoice in Thy glorious and gladdening presence. For Thine is the glory and praise from all Thy saints for ever and ever. *Amen.*

(3) O pitiful and merciful God, forgive us our faults, our injustices, our shortcomings, and our transgressions. Remember not the sins of Thy servants, but cleanse us by Thy grace and truth and direct our steps, that we may walk in holiness of heart, and do that which is good and acceptable in Thine eyes.

Yea, O Lord, make Thy face to shine upon us for our well-being and our peace, for our protection by Thy strong hand, and our deliverance from every sin by Thy mighty arm, for our salvation from all that is wrongfully at enmity with us. Give peace and concord to us and all the dwellers upon earth, as Thou didst give to our forefathers when they called upon Thee in faith and sincerity. Hear our prayer, in submission to the almighty power and supreme virtue of Thy Name. *Amen.*

(4) Almighty and Everlasting God, in whom we live and move and have our being, who hast created us for Thyself so that we can find rest only in Thee : grant unto us purity of heart and strength

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of purpose, so that no selfish passion may hinder us from knowing Thy will, and no weakness from doing it ; that in Thy light we may see light clearly, and in Thy service find perfect freedom : through the Spirit of Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

(5) O Holy Father, remembering Thy unspeakable love and Thy Divine commandment, we bring Thee thanks, not as we ought, but as we can, and present ourselves unto Thee as a living sacrifice, through Jesus Christ : this sinful body, that it may be consecrated by Thy power to be an instrument of righteousness, and a temple of the Holy Ghost ; this soul and this spirit, that Thou Thyself with Thy Son mayest abide therein ; this heart, that Thy peace may reign in it, and the fire of Thy divine love may fill it, to the destruction and consuming of all self-will, all anger and hatred, and all ungodly passions in us ; finally this mortal life, with all the gifts and faculties which we have received from Thy fatherly goodness, that they, being sanctified by Thy grace, may serve alone Thy will and glory ; that so we, by Thy Divine working within us, may be fashioned into the likeness of Thy dear Son : for His sake. *Amen.*

(6) Almighty God, who hast redeemed us to Thyself with the precious blood of Thy dear Son : grant that we may no longer live unto ourselves, but unto Him who died for us and rose again.

Direct us always by Thy grace, O merciful God, and lead us continually by Thy Spirit.

Deliver us from pride, impiety, hypocrisy, and from everything that is contrary to Thy holy will. Give us good and holy thoughts, pure, gentle, and peaceable dispositions, an entire resignation to Thy will, a perfect love to Thee, and a sincere charity towards all men.

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Wean our hearts from the vanity of this world, and give us grace to lift them up to heaven where our treasure is: so that watching and praying without ceasing, and living in temperance, righteousness and piety, we may pass our days in peace, waiting for the glorious appearing of our Saviour; and that, when He shall come to judge the world, we may appear before Him without confusion and without fear: through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

(7) O God, most holy and wise preserver of Thy creatures, keep us, we beseech Thee, in health of body and soundness of mind, in purity of heart and cheerfulness of spirit, in contentment with our lot and charity with our neighbour; and further all our lawful undertakings with Thy blessing. In our labour strengthen us; in our pleasure purify us; in our difficulties direct us; in our perils defend us; in our troubles comfort us; and supply all our needs, according to the riches of Thy grace in Christ Jesus our Lord. *Amen.*

(8) We beseech Thee, O God, to make our lives more worthy of Thy goodness, to redeem us from all sin and selfishness, to enable us to do our work meekly as in Thy sight, to serve Thee in our day and generation, to live in charity and peace with all men, to bear one another's burdens, to be just and honourable in all our dealings, to resist and overcome our temptations, and so to follow through life the leading of Thy blessed Spirit, that we may be good soldiers of Jesus Christ, and enter into Thy heavenly kingdom: through our Lord Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

(9) O God, Eternal Light, shine into our hearts. O Eternal Goodness, deliver us from all evil. Eternal Pity, have mercy upon us. Eternal Power,

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be Thou our support. Eternal Wisdom, scatter the darkness of our ignorance. Grant that with all our heart and mind and strength we may evermore seek Thy face ; and in Thy mercy guide us in the way that leadeth to life eternal. So bless and strengthen us that, following in the footsteps of Thy dear Son our Saviour, we may inherit the promises and enter into the joy of our Lord : for His Name's sake. *Amen.*

(10) O God, the Strength of the weak, the Friend of sinners, and the Comfort of the sorrowful: grant Thy mighty protection to the tempted ; reveal Thy measureless grace to the fallen ; maintain the faith of those who are suffering for righteousness' sake ; and give the consolation of Thy presence to those who are disappointed, lonely, or in despair : for Thy mercies' sake. *Amen.*

(11) O Lord, who art strong and mighty, do Thou make us strong in Thee. Give us strength of body, that we may do our work well and cheerfully, and bear the burdens of others. Give us strength of mind, that we may fearlessly accept the truth and faithfully adhere thereto. Make us strong in heart, that we may love Thee with all our power, and our neighbour as ourselves. Grant us such might of faith, that we may ever trust in the victory of good over evil, and ever work in this great hope. Give us enduring patience, that we may not murmur under suffering, but rejoice that, with our Master, we are perfected through suffering, and so make us meet for the Master's use: in His Name. *Amen.*

(12) O God, Creator of all things, that declarest Thyself in the preserving and guiding of this world : grant that we may acknowledge and magnify Thy great strength and power. Suffer not that we wander any whit from Thy holy love, which is pure

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and perfect ; but, taking delight therein, we may wholly be so governed by it that in the end we may be participant of the heavenly salvation : through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

(13) O God, by whom the meek are guided in judgment, and light riseth up in darkness for the godly: grant us, in all our doubts and uncertainties, the grace to ask what Thou wouldst have us to do; that the Spirit of Wisdom may save us from all false choices, and that in Thy light we may see light, and in Thy straight path may not stumble: through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

(14) Almighty God, who art the Giver of all wisdom : enlighten our understanding with knowledge of right, and govern our wills by Thy laws, that no deceit may mislead us, nor temptation corrupt us ; that we may always endeavour to do good and hinder evil. Amidst all the hopes and fears of this world, take not Thy Spirit from us, but grant that our thoughts may be fixed on Thee : in the Name of Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

(15) Most loving Father, who willest us to give thanks for all things, to dread nothing but the loss of Thy favour, and to cast all our care on Thee who carest for us : keep us from faithless fears and worldly anxieties ; and grant that no clouds of this mortal life may hide from us the light of that love which is immortal, manifested to us in Thy Son Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

(16) O God, Thou King eternal, immortal and invisible, the blessed and only Potentate, may we, who cannot see Thee with the eye of flesh, behold Thee steadfastly with the eye of faith, that we faint not under the manifold trials and temptations of this mortal life, but may endure as seeing Thee

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who art invisible ; that after we have done and suffered Thy will upon the earth, we may enjoy the vision of God in heaven, and may be made partakers of those unspeakable joys, which Thou hast promised to them that love Thee and the appearing of Thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

(17) Almighty and everlasting God, strengthen us, we beseech Thee, with the Holy Ghost the Comforter, and daily increase in us Thy manifold gifts : the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and ghostly strength, the spirit of knowledge and true godliness ; and fill us, O Lord, with the spirit of Thy holy fear : through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

(18) O Almighty God, who alone canst order the unruly wills and affections of sinful men : grant unto Thy people, that they may love the thing which Thou commandest, and desire that which Thou dost promise ; that so, among the sundry and manifold changes of the world, our hearts may surely there be fixed where true joys are to be found : through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

(19) O God, who art the author of peace and the lover of concord, in knowledge of whom standeth our eternal life, whose service is perfect freedom : defend us Thy humble servants in all assaults of our enemies ; that we, surely trusting in Thy defence, may not fear the power of any adversaries : through the might of Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

(20) Teach us, good Lord, to serve Thee as Thou deservest ; to give and not to count the cost ; to fight and not to heed the wounds ; to toil and not to seek for rest ; to labour and not to ask any reward, save that of knowing that we are doing Thy will : through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

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(21) O God, from whom all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works do proceed : give unto Thy servants that peace which the world cannot give ; that both our hearts may be set to obey Thy commandments, and also that we being defended from the fear of our enemies may pass our time in rest and quietness : through the merits of Jesus Christ our Saviour. *Amen.*

(22) O God, merciful Father, that despisest not the sighing of a contrite heart, nor the desire of such as be sorrowful : mercifully assist our prayers that we make before Thee in all our troubles and adversities whensoever they oppress us ; and graciously hear us, that those evils which the craft and subtilty of the devil or man worketh against us be brought to nought, and by the providence of Thy goodness they may be dispersed ; that we Thy servants, being hurt by no persecutions, may evermore give thanks unto Thee in Thy Holy Church : through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

For Use before any Undertaking.

(23) Prevent us, O Lord, in all our doings with Thy most gracious favour, and further us with Thy continual help ; that in all our works, begun, continued, and ended in Thee, we may glorify Thy holy Name, and finally by Thy mercy obtain everlasting life : through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Morning Prayer.

(24) Blessed be Thou, O Lord God, the God of our fathers, who lightenest the face of the earth, who makest the outgoings of the morning and evening to praise Thee. We laid us down and slept, and rose up again, for Thou sustainedst us. Grant us to be children of the light and of the day ;

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vouchsafe to keep us without sin. Let us hear Thy loving-kindness in the morning, for in Thee is our trust. Shew us the way in which we should walk, for we lift up our souls unto Thee. Teach us to do the things that please Thee, for Thou art the Lord our God ; and let Thy good Spirit lead us into the land of uprightness : through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

(25) O Lord, our heavenly Father, Almighty and everlasting God, who hast safely brought us to the beginning of this day : defend us in the same with Thy mighty power, and grant that this day we fall into no sin, neither run into any kind of danger, but that all our doings may be ordered by Thy governance to do always that is righteous in Thy sight : through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Evening Prayer.

(26) Lighten our darkness, we beseech Thee, O Lord ; and by Thy great mercy defend us from all perils and dangers of this night : for the love of Thy only Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

(27) We beseech Thee, Lord, to behold us with favour, folk of many families and nations gathered together in the peace of this roof, weak men and women subsisting under the covert of Thy patience. Be patient still ; suffer us yet a while longer—with our broken purposes of good, with our idle endeavours against evil, suffer us a while longer to endure, and (if it may be) help us to do better. Bless to us our extraordinary mercies ; if the day come when these must be taken, brace us to play the man under affliction. Be with our friends, be with ourselves. Go with each of us to rest ; if any awake, temper to them the dark hours of watching ; and when the day returns, return to us, our Sun

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and Comforter, and call us up with morning faces and with morning hearts—eager to labour—eager to be happy, if happiness shall be our portion—and if the day be marked for sorrow, strong to endure it. *Amen.*

For the Peace and Unity of the Church.

(28) O God of Peace, who through Thy Son Jesus Christ didst set forth One Faith for the salvation of mankind : send Thy grace and heavenly blessing upon all Christian people who are striving to draw nearer to Thee and to each other, in the unity of the Spirit and in the bond of peace. Give us penitence for our divisions, wisdom to know Thy truth, courage to do Thy will, love which shall break down the barriers of pride and prejudice, and an unswerving loyalty to Thy holy Name. Suffer us not to shrink from any endeavour, which is in accordance with Thy will, for the peace and unity of Thy Church. Give us boldness only to seek Thy glory and the advancement of Thy kingdom. Unite us all in Thee as Thou, O Father, with Thy Son and the Holy Spirit, art one God, world without end. *Amen.*

For the Gifts of the Spirit.

(29) O Holy Spirit, do Thou bestow Thy sevenfold gifts on each one of us. Rest upon us, Spirit of Wisdom, deliver us from all error and self-deception, and guide us into all truth. Rest upon us, Spirit of Holy Fear, teach us to watch and pray, that we may not stumble or fall into wilful sin. Rest upon us, Spirit of Love, move us to full and faithful service, and banish all unrighteous anger, all bitterness, envy and unkindness from our hearts. Heavenly Comforter, be Thou our Helper in times of trial and our Strength in the hour of weakness : give light

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in darkness and peace in trouble. Spirit of Holiness, sanctify all our work and all our leisure. Our hearts lie open before Thee; come to them and make them Thy temple and dwelling-place, and enable us to shew forth the praises of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath called us out of darkness into marvellous light: we ask it for His sake. *Amen.*

At the Holy Communion.

(30) O God, who in these holy mysteries hast vouchsafed to feed us with the spiritual food of the flesh and blood of Thy dear Son: we beseech Thee that all who faithfully partake of the same may grow up in the communion of the body of Christ, and finally attain unto the glory of the resurrection: through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee, O Father, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. *Amen.*

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For the General Thanksgiving, see the First Order for Public Worship, p. 12.

(1) We give Thee thanks, yea more than thanks, O Lord our God, for all Thy goodness at all times and in all places; because Thou hast shielded, rescued, helped and guided us all the days of our life, and brought us unto this hour. We pray and beseech Thee, merciful God, to grant in Thy goodness that with thankful hearts we may spend all the time of our lives without sin, in fulness of joy, holiness and reverence of Thee. Drive away from us all envy, all fear, and all temptation, and bestow upon us what is good and meet: through the grace of Thine only-begotten Son. *Amen.*

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(2) O God, Creator, Benefactor, and Father of all mankind, we come before Thee to acknowledge Thine infinite goodness, and to praise Thee for Thy mercies that are over all Thy works. We acknowledge that we are the work of Thy hands ; that all our outward benefits are the gifts of Thy providence ; that all our consolation and peace flow from Thy grace. We bless Thee for those comforts which have sustained and gladdened us in every stage of our earthly life, and for all those blessings now present to our remembrance. . . .

Above all we thank Thee for the mission of Thy beloved Son, and for the precious gospel of His grace. Glory be to Thee that His teachings perfectly enlighten our mind ; that His precepts point out to us the path of duty ; that His example encourages our works of love ; that His death speaks peace and joy to the believer ; that His resurrection gives us an assurance of immortality ; that His Holy Spirit enlightens, sanctifies and upholds us ; and that through the ministry of His Church we are built up in our most holy faith. For of Thee, and through Thee, and to Thee are all things : to whom be glory for ever and ever.
Amen.

(3) O God, by whose hand all living things were made, and by whose blessing they are nourished and sustained : we give Thee hearty thanks for all the bounties of Thy providence, wherewith Thou hast enriched our life ; and we humbly pray that, enjoying Thy gifts in contentment, we may be enabled by Thy grace to use them to Thy praise. Especially we thank Thee for Thy great love in sending Thy Son to be the Saviour of the world, and in calling us out of our sins into fellowship with Him ; and we beseech Thee to grant us always Thy Holy Spirit, through whom we may grow

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continually in thankfulness toward Thee, as also into the likeness of Thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

(4) Almighty God, from whom cometh every good and perfect gift, we give Thee praise and hearty thanks for all Thy mercies ; for the goodness that hath created us, the bounty that hath sustained us ; the fatherly discipline that hath chastened and corrected us ; the patience that hath borne with us ; the love that hath redeemed us. (*Here any special mercy may be named.*)

Grant unto us with Thy gifts a heart to love Thee, and enable us to show our thankfulness by giving up ourselves to Thy service and cheerfully submitting in all things to Thy blessed will ; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

(5) O God of all goodness and love, hear our thanksgiving for the joy Thou puttest into mortal life, the joy that comes to us from the beauty of the world, and the bounty of the earth, and the wonders of the deep ; the joy of friendship, and kindred and love ; the joy, too, of sin forgiven, weakness strengthened, and temptation vanquished, and victory won.

Hear us when we thank Thee for undeserved blessings, and for the continuance of misused gifts ; that Thou sufferest long and art kind, bearing with our blindness and ingratitude, not withdrawing the gift when we forget the giver ; but rather loading us continually with Thy benefits if so be that the mercy of God may lead us to repentance.

Hear us when we thank Thee for Thine unspeakable gift—the gift of Thy Son, who hath spoken to us through human lips, and looked at us with human eyes, and who, by revealing Thy love, hath banished

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for ever the doubts and fears that spring in human hearts ; for the Spirit who came of old and still comes to strengthen us for holy living and holy dying ; for the great hope of everlasting life and an exceeding weight of glory ; and for any special blessings now in our remembrance. Yea, Lord, for that there is nothing for which we may not bless and thank Thee, therefore do we call upon Thy Name, and present unto Thee the offering of our grateful hearts, which we beseech Thee to accept through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The Communion of Saints.

(6) O God, most high, most holy, in communion with all who love Thee, we give Thee thanks for all Thy faithful servants who, having in their lives witnessed a good confession, have left the light of their example to shine before Thy people on the earth. Mercifully grant that by Thy fatherly blessing we may be enabled to follow them in all virtuous and godly living, and that hereafter we may be with them in Thy heavenly presence : through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

(7) O God, before whose face the generations rise and pass away, we rejoice in the communion of saints. We remember all who have faithfully lived, all who have peacefully died, especially those most dear to us. May it please Thee to give us at last a place with those who have trusted in Thee and striven to do Thy holy will. And to Thy Name, thrice holy, with the Church on earth and the Church in heaven, would we ascribe all honour and glory, world without end. *Amen.*

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General Intercession.

(1) O God, the Creator and Preserver of all mankind, we humbly beseech Thee for all sorts and conditions of men : that Thou wouldest be pleased to make Thy ways known unto them, Thy saving health unto all nations. More especially we pray for the good estate of the Catholic Church ; that it may be so guided and governed by Thy good Spirit, that all who profess and call themselves Christians may be led into the way of truth, and hold the faith in unity of spirit, in the bond of peace, and in righteousness of life. Finally, we commend to Thy fatherly goodness all those who are any ways afflicted or distressed in mind, body, or estate ; (especially those for whom our prayers are desired . . .) ; that it may please Thee to comfort and relieve them, according to their several necessities, giving them patience under their sufferings, and a happy issue out of all their afflictions. And this we beg for Jesus Christ His sake. *Amen.*

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(2) O Thou from whom all grace and guidance come, look down, we beseech Thee, on the Church of Thy dear Son, and extend her borders, till all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God. Heal her wounds, O Lord, and cleanse her defilement, that she may be a glorious Church, holy and without blemish. Bless all pastors and ministers of Thy Word and Sacraments, all who serve Thee in the rule of Thy Church, in the care of Thy poor, in the ministry of Thy praise, in the teaching of the young—especially those who serve Thee in this Congregation; that they may know themselves

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to be Thy servants, and be faithful to the trust Thou hast committed to them : through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Eternal God, to whom all power and empire belong, grant of Thine infinite goodness that they whom Thou hast appointed rulers and governors over us may so discharge themselves of their duty and office that the glory of Thy most holy Name may be advanced, the godly maintained, the wicked punished, and the poor comforted ; to the end that, passing through a quiet and peaceable life, we may render all honour and praise unto Thee : through Jesus Christ our Lord.

O God of mercy and compassion, we ask Thy blessing for all who are in especial need of Thy fatherly comfort and help ; for those who are perplexed by doubts or hindered by fears ; for those who have erred and strayed from Thy ways ; for those who are bowed down in sorrow for sin, and still more for those who are careless of evil and hardened through the deceitfulness of sin. Bring home the wanderer ; heal the sick at heart ; lift up the fallen ; and raise to a new life those dead in trespasses and sins. Give rest to the weary, and comfort to those who mourn. Lighten the burden of those weighed down with anxieties and cares ; and soothe the pains of disappointed hope and fruitless endeavour. Care for the widow, protect the orphan, uphold the aged. Sanctify and support the dying : may Thine everlasting arms be about them, and, absent from the body, may they be at home with the Lord : through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

O most gracious and loving Father, we take into the fellowship of our prayers all whom Thou hast given us—husband or wife, parent or child, brother

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or sister—all dear to us by natural affection, praying Thee to bless them both in body and in spirit.

Receive our thanks for all dear to us who, being dead and hid from our mortal sight for a little while, now live in Thee, and for the redeemed of all ages who have entered into the heavenly rest. May we be of the whole family in heaven and on earth who abide in Thee and with Thee evermore : through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

General Intercession.

(3) O God, almighty and merciful, let Thy fatherly kindness be upon all whom Thou hast made. Hear the prayers of all that call upon Thee ; open the eyes of them that never pray for themselves. Increase the number and graces of such as fear and serve Thee daily. Preserve Thy Church from all dangerous errors and weariness in well-doing ; and this people from forgetting Thee their Lord and Benefactor. Deal mercifully with them that are in darkness ; bless the good endeavours of those who strive to propagate the truth, and prepare the hearts of men to receive it.

O Thou who seest all the troubles that we labour under, pity the sighs of such as are in misery ; be Thou the strength of those who stand in need of Thy comfort and direction ; dispose us at all times to take in good part whatever shall befall us at Thy hands, and so prepare our hearts that we may never murmur at Thine appointments, and that no trial may ever overbear us or take us by surprise.

Preserve, O Lord, this and all lands from the misfortunes of war ; be gracious to those countries made desolate by the sword, famine, pestilence, or persecution ; and deliver the world from the tyranny of Satan.

Bless all persons and places to which Thy provi-

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dence has made us debtors ; all who have been instrumental to our good by their assistance, advice, example, or writings, and make us in our turn useful to others. Let none of those who desire our prayers want Thy mercy, but defend and comfort and conduct them onward to their lives' end : for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

General Intercession.

(4) O God, Father of all, who hast called us to the ministry of intercession, grant, we beseech Thee, that the Gospel of Thy grace may speedily be preached among all nations, that the kingdoms of this world may become the kingdom of our Lord and of His Christ.

We pray for Thy holy Church universal, that all who name the name of Christ may be careful to maintain good works, that they may have abundance of charity and peace. Illumine all ministers with a true understanding of Thy Word, and bless the labours of Thy faithful servants, both here and beyond our borders, that Thy grace and Thy truth may prevail in the unity of the Spirit and in the reign of righteousness and love.

Remember, O Lord, the whole body of the people—those present and those absent from our midst—and have compassion upon them and on us according to the multitude of Thy mercies. Fill their stores with every good thing. Keep their families in peace and concord ; care for the young ; strengthen the old ; comfort the disheartened ; gather those who are scattered ; bring back and join to Thy Church those who have gone astray ; guide the traveller by land or sea ; solace the lonely ; care for the widow ; protect the orphan ; deliver the captive ; heal the sick ; prepare the dying. Remember, O Lord, those who are in

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necessity, danger or tribulation, especially such as we name in our hearts. May all in need have Thy great compassion : through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

For the Church.

(5) Almighty and everlasting God, who hast promised to reveal Thy glory by Jesus Christ among all nations, remember, we beseech Thee, Thy Holy Catholic Church throughout all the world. Send down upon Thy ministers and all the congregations committed to their charge the healthful spirit of Thy grace ; unite all who profess and call themselves Christians in the bond of a holy faith as one body ; and so replenish them and us with the grace of Thy Holy Spirit that we may bring forth abundantly the fruits of peace and good works ; and that, having persevered in the way of godliness to the end, we may with all Thy saints come into communion with Thee and with one another in Thine eternal and glorious kingdom: through the mediation of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

(6) Hear our intercessions, O Lord, when we pray for Thy Church universal, that it may please Thee to fill all her ministers with a great zeal for Thy glory, for the honour of Christ, and for the salvation of the world; and especially for the Church of our fathers, that truth and godliness may flourish in it more and more, and that all its members united in the bonds of love may dwell together in unity: through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

For the Congregation.

(7) Almighty Father, we pray for our Congregation; that the little children may receive the fulness

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of Thy grace, and that those who teach them may be taught of Thee who alone teachest savingly and to profit ; that those who lead Thy praises in this temple of Thy praise may know themselves to be Thy servants and ministers ; that those who bear office may be examples to the flock. We pray for our guilds and societies and all Christian workers, that Thou wouldst pour down upon them the abundance of Thy favour which is better than life ; and for all the people, that they may walk worthy of their vocation, and strive to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace: through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

(8) Holy Father, we beseech Thee for this Congregation of Thy people, the officers thereof and all who are called to Christian service, that Thou wouldst bless us in our homes and families, our schools and classes, our guilds and societies, and that the beauty of the Lord may be upon us, and the work of our hands established : through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

For Christian Missions and Missionaries.

(9) O God, our heavenly Father, who didst manifest Thy love by sending Thine only-begotten Son into the world that all might live through Him, pour Thy Spirit upon Thy Church that it may fulfil His command to preach the Gospel to every creature ; send forth, we beseech Thee, labourers into Thy harvest ; fill them with the Holy Ghost and with faith ; defend them in all dangers and temptations; and hasten the time when the fulness of the nations shall be gathered into Thy kingdom: through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

(10) O God, who hast made of one blood all nations to dwell on the face of the earth, and didst

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send Thy blessed Son to preach peace to them that are afar off and to them that are nigh : grant that the people who sit in darkness and the shadow of death may feel after Thee and find Thee ; and hasten, O Lord, the fulfilment of Thy promise to pour out Thy Spirit upon all flesh: through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

(11) O God of all nations of the earth, remember the multitudes of the heathen, who, though created in Thine image, are ignorant of Thy love, and, according to the propitiation of Thy Son Jesus Christ, grant that by the prayers and labours of Thy holy Church they may be delivered from all superstition and unbelief, and brought to worship Thee : through Him whom Thou hast sent to be our salvation, the resurrection and the life of all the faithful, Thy Son Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

(12) O most merciful Saviour and Redeemer, who wouldst not that any should perish, but that all men should be saved and come to the knowledge of the truth : fulfil Thy gracious promise to be present with those who are gone forth in Thy Name to preach the Gospel of salvation in distant lands. Be with them in all perils by land or by water, in sickness and distress, in weariness and painfulness, in disappointment and persecution. Endue them with power from on high, and prosper Thy work in their hands. Hear us for Thy mercy's sake, and grant that through the prayers and offerings of all who are called by Thy Name the coming of Thy kingdom may be hastened to Thy honour and glory, who livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. *Amen.*

(13) Almighty God, who by Thy Son Jesus Christ didst give commandment to the apostles that they

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should go into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature : grant to us whom Thou hast called into Thy Church a ready will to obey Thy word, and fill us with a hearty desire to make Thy way known upon earth, Thy saving health among all nations. Look with compassion upon the heathen that have not known Thee, and on the multitudes that are scattered abroad as sheep having no shepherd. O heavenly Father, Lord of the harvest, have respect, we beseech Thee, to our prayers, and send forth labourers into Thine harvest. Fit and prepare them by Thy grace for the work of their ministry ; give them the spirit of power and of love and of a sound mind ; strengthen them to endure hardness ; and grant that Thy Holy Spirit may prosper their work, and that by their life and doctrine they may shew forth Thy glory, and set forward the salvation of all men : through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

(14) O God, who willest that all men should be saved and come to the knowledge of the truth : prosper, we pray Thee, our brethren who labour in distant lands (especially those for whom our prayers are desired . . .). Protect them in all perils by land and sea ; support them in loneliness and in the hour of trial ; give them grace to bear faithful witness unto Thee ; and endue them with burning zeal and love, that they may turn many to righteousness, and finally obtain a crown of glory : through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

(15) O Lord Jesus Christ, Thou good Shepherd of the sheep, who didst come to seek and to save that which was lost : we beseech Thee to be present in Thy power with the Missions of Thy Church in this land. Shew forth Thy compassion to the helpless, enlighten the ignorant, succour those in peril, and

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bring home the wanderers in safety to Thy fold : who livest and reignest with the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end. *Amen.*

For all God's Labourers.

(16) Almighty God, without whose blessing no work can prosper, let Thy favour rest upon all ministers of Thy Word in our land, upon all evangelists, visitors of the poor, teachers of the young, and every person who is seeking to reclaim the fallen, to restore the lost, and to set the captives free ; strengthening their hearts that they may grow not weary in well-doing, and granting unto them at last the joy of harvest : through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

For King and Rulers.

(17) Remember, O Lord, all those to whom Thou hast given the authority of government, especially Thy servant our King. Rule his heart in Thy fear, direct his counsels, and preserve him evermore by Thine almighty power. Bless also our gracious Queen, the Queen Mother, the Prince of Wales, and all the Royal Family. Endue with wisdom the Governor General of this Dominion, the Lieutenant Governors of the Provinces, the legislators of the Empire, and all who are set in authority over us ; that all things may be so ordered and settled by their endeavours upon the best and surest foundations, that peace and happiness, truth and justice, religion and piety may be established among us for all generations : through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

For the Nation and Commonwealth.

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For all Peoples.

(18) O Thou King Eternal, hasten, we beseech Thee, the coming of Thy kingdom upon earth, and draw all men into obedience to Thy holy will. Cast out all selfishness and everything that leads to enmity and strife, and make wars to cease to the end of the earth. Thou alone canst guide us in the paths of righteousness and peace. Unite all peoples in the bonds of truth and love that Thy Name may be glorified in Thy children : through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

For Those in Distress.

(19) We beseech Thee, O Lord, be our help and our succour. Be the salvation of those who are in tribulation; take pity on the lowly; raise up them that fall ; reveal Thyself to those who are in need ; reclaim the ungodly, and those who have gone out of the way. Appease the hunger of such as are in want ; deliver those who suffer under oppression ; restore the sick, and comfort the faint-hearted ; that all men may know that Thou art God alone, that Jesus Christ is Thy Servant, and we Thy people through Him. *Amen.*

(20) O Thou who art Love, and who seest all the suffering, injustice, and misery which reign in this world : have pity, we implore Thee, on the work of Thy hands. Look mercifully upon the poor, the oppressed, and all who are heavy laden with error, labour, or sorrow. Fill our hearts with deep compassion for those who suffer, and hasten the coming of Thy kingdom of justice and truth : for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

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(1) Almighty Father, who with untiring love dost watch over Thy children from one generation to another : amid all the changes of our earthly life Thou abidest. Graciously help us to abide in Thee, that evermore we may be steadfast and strong. For the light that never failed and the grace that never left us in the days gone by ; for the visions that dispelled our doubt, and hopes that chastened our sorrow, we lift our hearts to Thee in praise and joy. May the coming days be filled with a high sense of the sacredness of life and the value of time. With the dawning of each new day shine on us with Thy face. Uplift our hearts by the thought of the glory of our calling in Christ and of the joy that is set before us in His service. May the numberless memories of Thy patient love deliver us from every crooked way, from every evil thought and imagination, that when our days on earth are done we may be set before the presence of Thy glory with exceeding joy : through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

(2) We render Thee our thanksgiving, O Lord our God, Father of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ: for that Thou hast sheltered, assisted, supported, and led us through the past time of our life, and brought us to this hour, and dost vouchsafe to receive us who ask pardon for our sins and mercy for all Thy people. We pray and beseech Thee, O God and loving Lord, grant us grace to pass this day, and all the time of our life without sin, with all joy, health and salvation. But all fear, envy, and temptation, all the working of Satan and the device of the wicked, do Thou drive away, O God, from us, and from Thy holy Church throughout the world. Supply us with things good and profitable. Whereinsoever we have sinned against Thee, in word, or

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deed, or thought, be Thou pleased in Thy love and goodness to forgive, and forsake not us, O God, who hope in Thee: by the grace and compassion of Thine only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

Morning.

(3) Almighty God and most merciful Father, we do not present ourselves here before Thy Majesty trusting in our own merits or worthiness, but in Thy manifold mercies, who hast promised to hear our prayers and grant our request which we make to Thee in the name of Thy beloved Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Therefore we beseech Thee, most merciful Father, to turn Thy loving countenance towards us, and impute not unto us our manifold sins and offences but rather receive us to Thy mercy, for Thy well-beloved Son Jesus Christ's sake, in whom only Thou art pleased, and through whom Thou canst not be offended with us. And, seeing that of Thy great mercies we have quietly passed this night, grant, O heavenly Father, that we may bestow this day wholly on Thy service, so that all our thoughts, words, and deeds may rebound to the glory of Thy Name.

We beseech Thee to increase our faith and knowledge, to enlighten our hearts with Thy holy Spirit, that we may live in godly conversation and integrity of life.

Grant us, dear Father, these our requests, and all other things necessary for us, according to Thy promise in Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

DEDICATION OF THE OFFERING

(1) O Lord our God, King of all the earth, accept of Thine infinite goodness the offerings of Thy people, which in obedience to Thy commandment,

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and in honour of Thy Name, they yield and dedicate unto Thee ; and grant unto us Thy blessing, that the same being devoted to Thy service may be used for Thy glory : through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

(2) Father of mercies, who didst give Thy beloved Son for the life of mankind and hast given us all things richly to enjoy, help us in offering our gifts with thanksgiving to present ourselves wholly for Thy service and to hallow all we possess and hold from Thee as stewards, and ever to earn our bread in fidelity to Thee and fairness to others : through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

(3) Accept, O Lord, these offerings which Thy people make unto Thee, and grant that the cause to which they are devoted may prosper under Thy guidance to the glory of Thy Name: through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

(4) O God, the Giver of every good and perfect gift, accept, we pray Thee, the offering of Thy people, which in honour of Thy Name and with a free will and ready heart they now dedicate unto Thee. Forbid that we should bring our substance and withhold ourselves. With the tribute of our hands may we bring the homage of our hearts, and grant unto us Thy blessing that these gifts being devoted to Thy service may be used for Thy glory and the welfare of Thy Church : through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

PRAYERS FOR ILLUMINATION

(1) O Lord and Lover of men, illumine, we beseech Thee, our hearts with the pure light of Thy divine knowledge, and open the eyes of our understanding, that we may comprehend the precepts of Thy

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gospel. Implant in us likewise the fear of Thy blessed commandments, that we, trampling upon all fleshly lusts, may attain the joy of heavenly life, both thinking and doing such things as shall well please Thee, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

(2) O Lord God, who hast left unto us Thy Holy Word to be a lamp unto our feet and a light unto our steps, give unto us all Thy Holy Spirit, we humbly pray Thee, that out of the same Word we may learn what is Thy eternal will, and frame our lives in all holy obedience to the same, to Thine honour and glory, and the increase of our faith : through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

(3) O Lord, who alone canst give the hearing ear and the understanding heart, open our minds, we beseech Thee, to understand Thy Word, which Thou hast in Thy mercy bestowed upon us. Save us from using it deceitfully ; from wresting it to serve our own purposes ; from being in bondage to the letter while we neglect the spirit ; but grant that we may search the Scriptures diligently, and find in them their testimony to Christ ; and beholding His glory reflected in them, may be changed into the same image from glory to glory, even as by the Spirit of the Lord. *Amen.*

(4) Almighty and everlasting God, the source of all life and joy, who, by the glad sound of the Gospel, hast called us to have part in Thy kingdom and glory : shine into our hearts, we beseech Thee, by Thy Word and Spirit, and draw us with the cords of Thy constraining grace ; that we may heartily choose that good part which shall not be taken away from us, and give all diligence to make our calling and election sure : through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

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(5) Blessed Lord, who hast caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning : grant that we may in such wise hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that by patience and comfort of Thy holy Word, we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which Thou hast given us in our Saviour Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

PRAYERS AFTER SERMON

(1) Almighty God, who hast given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplications unto Thee ; and dost promise that when two or three are gathered together in Thy Name Thou wilt grant their requests : fulfil now, O Lord, the desires and petitions of Thy servants, as may be most expedient for them ; granting us in this world knowledge of Thy truth, and in the world to come life everlasting. *Amen.*

(2) Most gracious God, our Heavenly Father, in whom alone dwelleth all fulness of light and wisdom : illumine our minds, we beseech Thee, by Thy Holy Spirit, in the true understanding of Thy Word. Give us grace that we may receive it with reverence and humility unfeigned. May it lead us to put our whole trust in Thee alone ; and so to serve and honour Thee that we may glorify Thy Holy Name and edify our neighbours by a good example. And since it hath pleased Thee to number us among Thy people, O help us to pay Thee the love and homage that we owe as children to our Father, and as servants to our Lord. We ask this for the sake of our Saviour Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

(3) O Lord, we beseech Thee mercifully to receive the prayers of Thy people which call upon Thee ;

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and grant that they may both perceive and know what things they ought to do, and also may have grace and power faithfully to fulfil the same, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

(4) Grant, we beseech Thee, Almighty God, that the words which we have heard this day with our outward ears may through Thy grace be so grafted inwardly in our hearts, that they may bring forth in us the fruit of good living, to the honour and praise of Thy Name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

(5) Let Thy gospel, O Lord, come unto us not in word only but in power, and in much assurance, and in the Holy Ghost. By it may we be guided into all truth, and strengthened unto all obedience and enduring of Thy will with joyfulness; that, abounding in the work of faith, and the labour of love, and the patience of hope, we may finally be made partakers of the inheritance of the saints in light: through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

(6) Almighty God, who hast commanded the light to shine in darkness, and hast sent Thy Son to be the Light and Life of the world: arise, O Lord our Light, upon our darkness; shield us from the perils and terrors of the day and of the night; and vouchsafe us now and always, amid the shadows that beset our life, Thy light to guide us, and Thy Spirit to control our thoughts: through Jesus Christ our Lord and Saviour. *Amen.*

(7) Lord of all power and might, who art the author and giver of all good things: graft in our hearts the love of Thy Name, increase in us true religion, nourish us with all goodness, and of Thy great mercy keep us in the same: through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

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Now unto Him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us; unto Him be glory in the Church by Christ Jesus, throughout all ages, world without end. *Amen.*

Now unto Him that is able to keep you from falling, and to present you faultless before the presence of His glory with exceeding joy; to the only wise God our Saviour be glory and majesty, dominion and power, both now and ever. *Amen.*

Unto Him that loved us, and washed us from our sins in His own blood, and hath made us kings and priests unto God and His Father; to Him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Now unto the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only wise God, be honour and glory for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Now unto the God of all grace, who hath called us unto His eternal glory by Christ Jesus, be glory and dominion for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Unto the Father, and unto the Son, and unto the Holy Ghost, be ascribed in the Church all honour and glory, might, majesty, dominion and blessing, now, henceforth, and for ever. *Amen.*

The Lord bless you and keep you: the Lord make His face shine upon you, and be gracious unto you: the Lord lift up His countenance upon you, and give you peace. *Amen.*

✓ Now the God of peace, that brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you perfect in every good work to

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do His will, working in you that which is well pleasing in His sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory for ever and ever. *Amen.*

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Ghost, be with you all. *Amen.*

The peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of His Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be amongst you, and remain with you always. *Amen.*

II

FOR OCCASIONAL USE IN PUBLIC WORSHIP

A. INTERCESSIONS FOR SPECIAL OBJECTS AND PERSONS

For Home and Kindred.

(1) O God, our heavenly Father, who hast set the solitary in families, look in favour, we beseech Thee, upon the homes of Thy people. Defend them against all evil, and supply all their needs according to the riches of Thy grace. Make them sanctuaries of purity and peace, love and joy.

O Thou Protector and Friend, keep all our dear ones within the safe shelter of Thy love. May they and we follow Thee at every step of our daily life, and though our paths may lead us far from one another may we all be led at last to Thee : through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

(2) O Lord, our heavenly Father, bless and keep, we pray Thee, our kindred, friends and benefactors, and graciously watch between them and us while we are absent one from another, that in due time we may meet again to praise Thee.

Grant, O God, that all members of our families may be knit together in the bonds of mutual love, above all that we may be members together of the mystical body of Christ.

We pray to Thee, O Lord, for all who are dear to us, that, in every time of need, they may be delivered

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from the dangers of this present life, and kept by Thy grace unto salvation. And, O most loving Father, we remember with undying affection those whom death has taken, those who sleep in Jesus. United in one household of faith and love, may we live in the blessed hope, that, when the day dawns and the shadows flee away, we shall meet with them and all Thy redeemed, in Thy presence, where there is fulness of joy : through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

For Hospitals and Benevolent Homes.

(3) Almighty God, whose blessed Son Jesus Christ went about doing good and healing all manner of sickness and disease among the people: continue, we beseech Thee, His gracious work among us in all places of healing. Console and sustain the sufferers; grant to the physicians and surgeons wisdom and skill, and to the nurses diligence and patience. Prosper their work, O Lord, and vouchsafe Thy blessing to all who give of their substance for its maintenance : through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

(4) Most gracious Saviour, who art the good physician, unto whom no sufferer was brought in vain in the days of Thine earthly ministry, we pray that Thou wouldst aid physicians, surgeons, and nurses in their work of mercy, and that Thou wouldst again dispense Thy healing virtue and comfort through every institution for the relief of distress and the benefit of the weak and the aged, and those who endure the eclipse of reason or the penalties of their misdeeds. Enlighten and guide those who have care of the public welfare and the redemption of wasted lives.

And, O merciful Lord, grant the grace of faith and patience and the fruits of discipline to all suffering

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under any disorder, that men may praise Thee who forgivest all our iniquities and healest all our diseases, and to whom belongeth all power and glory, world without end. *Amen.*

(5) Almighty and everlasting God, who didst send Thine only Son Jesus Christ to be the Saviour and Healer of men: we pray Thee to bless all hospitals and medical missions, and all agencies of recovery. Help all ministers of healing to have ever present to their minds the example of our Lord and of His tenderness and sympathy for all human suffering. Give them grace and patience to fulfil their holy calling, and do Thou, O Lord, crown their work with success and happiness. We commend, O God, all patients to Thy loving care; soothe their pain, relieve their anxiety, help them to cast all their care upon Thee, and to know that around them are the Everlasting Arms. Grant this, we humbly beseech Thee, for the love of Thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

For Schools and Colleges.

(6) O Heavenly Father, whose blessed Son hath said, Suffer the little children to come unto me: prosper with Thy blessing the work of all who labour for the instruction and upbringing of the young in virtue and true godliness; grant that as the minds of Thy children are enlightened with knowledge, so their hearts may be daily drawn to the love of Thee and of Thy only Son, our Saviour. And this we beg for the sake of the same Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

(7) Almighty God, of whose gift cometh wisdom and understanding: we beseech Thee with Thy gracious favour to behold our universities, colleges, and schools, that the confines of knowledge may be

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ever enlarged, and all good learning flourish and abound. Bless all who teach and all who learn; and grant that both teachers and learners in humility of heart may look ever upwards unto Thee, who art the fountain of all wisdom: through Jesus our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee in the unity of the Holy Ghost, world without end. *Amen.*

(8) O God who, through Thy Holy Spirit, dost illumine the minds and sanctify the lives of those whom Thou dost call to the work of pastors and teachers: look with Thy favour upon all colleges for the instruction and discipline of those who are to serve in the sacred ministry of Thy Church. Bless those who teach and those who learn, that they may apply themselves with such diligence to the knowledge which is able to make wise unto salvation, and submit themselves with such ready obedience to the law of Thy Son our Saviour, that they may fulfil their ministry with joy: through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

(9) Most holy and ever-blessed Lord God, who hast graciously committed to Thy servants the word of reconciliation, we thank Thee that when Jesus Christ ascended on high, and gave gifts unto men, Thou didst provide for the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the Body of Christ. Most heartily we beseech Thee on behalf of our Colleges, that all who direct their studies and manage their affairs may be men of God, holding the mystery of the faith in a pure conscience, and be ever aided by Thy Holy Spirit: and that all who prepare for Thy service in the Gospel of Thy Son may have the word of Christ dwell in them richly in all wisdom, and may ever walk worthy of the vocation wherewith they are called. And grant, O God, when Thou shalt be

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pleased to call them into Thy Church as ministers of the Cross of Christ, they may have grace to take heed unto themselves and unto the doctrine, that in so doing they may both save themselves and those that hear them: through the merit and mediation of our only Lord and Redeemer. *Amen.*

For the Young, and Sunday Schools.

(10) Eternal Father, who out of the mouths of babes and sucklings hast ordained strength, reveal Thyself unto our children, we beseech Thee, and grant them an entrance into Thy heavenly kingdom: that, being born again of the Spirit and taught by the Lord Jesus, they may grow up before Thee in purity of heart and innocency of life, until they come unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ. *Amen.*

(11) O Holy Lord and Saviour, who didst call little children unto Thee and bless them, guide, we pray Thee, Thy Church in the teaching of the young, that it may wisely order the work of our Sunday Schools, and strive earnestly to feed the lambs of Thy flock. Grant alike to pastors and people to see and know the greatness of this work, and give us grace to fulfil it. Make us ever mindful of Thy presence in our homes, that our children may be brought up in Thy nurture and admonition. Give unto our teachers aptness to teach, and to our scholars willingness to learn Thy blessed will. All this we ask in Thy Name, O merciful Saviour, whom, with the Father and the Holy Spirit, we worship as one God, blessed for ever. *Amen.*

For Use at a Meeting of a Church Court.

(12) Almighty God, who through the Apostles of Thy Son, Jesus Christ, didst order the governance

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of Thy flock, send now Thy blessing upon this Court of Thy Church, assembled in Thy Name. Forasmuch as Thou hast called us to serve Thee, and art entrusting unto us the work of Thy kingdom, grant that we may be faithful stewards, even in that which is least. Help us to hallow Thy Name by our reverence for the things that Thou lovest, and to guard our trust by our love to one another and to Thee. Direct and govern us by Thy Holy Spirit, preserving us from hasty judgment and vain dispute, guiding us both to devise and do those things which shall be for the good of the Church and the glory of Thy Son, our only King and Saviour. *Amen.*

For Use at a Church Assembly.

(13) Almighty and everlasting God, who didst give our Lord Jesus Christ to be the Head of the Church, and by Thy Holy Spirit dost still inhabit the whole company of the faithful: mercifully regard, we beseech Thee, Thy servants at this time assembled. Shed upon them all heavenly wisdom and grace; inspire them with a right judgment in all things; and so order their doings that unity and peace may prevail among them; that by their endeavours all Thy ministers and congregations may be established and comforted, and Thy kingdom extended among men: through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

For Use in Women's Missionary Work.

(14) Our heavenly Father, we come to Thee with thanksgiving for the manifold tokens of Thy loving-kindness and tender mercy which Thou hast given us. We bless Thee for our share in the great mission committed to Thy Church. We rejoice in the vision

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of the harvest ready throughout the world, in the labourers who have heard Thy call and have devoted themselves to Thy service, and in all that Thou hast enabled us to accomplish. Fit and prepare us, we beseech Thee, for our high calling. Help us to open our hearts unto Thee, that Thou mayest dwell within us. And do Thou cleanse us from every sin and stain, that we may serve Thee with pure hearts fervently: through Jesus Christ our Lord.

We pray Thee, O gracious God, that Thou wouldst give Thy blessing to us as a Women's Missionary Society. Prosper us in every work already undertaken, and enable us by Thy grace to enlarge our purposes and extend our efforts. We spread before Thee our hearts' desire and our plans, seeking Thy counsel and Thy strength. Help us to go forward trusting in Thee. We commend to Thy fatherly care those who labour in our behalf, whether in our own country or in regions beyond. Sustain them, we beseech Thee, in health of body and comfort of mind. Cheer their hearts with Thine own presence, and fulfil in them Thy joy. Inspire others to offer themselves for a like service, that there may ever be labourers in Thy harvest: in the Name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

O merciful Father, bless all the works of mercy in which we as a Society are engaged. We remember before Thee the hearts that are hungering for Thee; the aged that are bowed down with weariness or sorrow; the men and women sorely pressed by the struggle of life; and the pleading faces of the little children. Help us to love them, even as Thou hast loved us, that we may minister to them in the Name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

O Divine Helper, we entreat Thee, put into the heart of every woman and child deep thankfulness

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for Thy manifold goodness to them, and a faithful purpose to offer unto Thee the utmost they can give, that our treasury may be filled, and Thy needy ones may be cheered and refreshed. Guide us in the use of the means entrusted to us. Bless us in our fellowship as labourers together with Thee. May Thy Name be glorified in the service we render: through our Lord Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

For Industries, Commerce, and Labour.

(15) O God, who hast called us in all things to be labourers together with Thee, and from whom we ask our daily bread: we pray that all may be enabled to earn their bread by faithful and worthy means, and that in all honest toil men may enter into fellowship with Thy Son our elder brother whom Thou didst give to the tasks and burdens of our human lot. Strengthen our hands and encourage our hearts, and bless to us the due reward of all our labours. Of Thy good pleasure regard the welfare of our farms and factories, and all places of honourable industry and commerce. So reign therein that the love of man may subdue the love of gain, and that all occasions of strife may cease and that all counsels of selfishness may be turned into concern for the common good: in the Name of Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

(16) O God, who in Thy providence hast appointed to every man his work: assuage, we humbly beseech Thee, all strife and contention between those who are engaged in the labours of industry and those who employ their labour. Deliver both employers and workmen from all greed and covetousness; and grant that they, seeking only that which is just and equal, may live and work together in brotherly union and concord, to their

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own well-being, and the prosperity of this realm; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

(17) Almighty Father, who through Thy Son Jesus Christ hast consecrated labour to the blessing of mankind: prosper, we pray Thee, the industries of this place. Defend those who are engaged therein from all perils, and grant that they may rejoice in the fruits of Thy bounty and of their labour, and bless Thee for Thy loving-kindness: through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

For Those who Serve in Dangerous Callings.

(18) Almighty God, who art a sure refuge, we pray for all who incur risk in their daily toil or in serving their fellow-men, especially for physicians, surgeons and nurses, for those who watch over our safety by night and day, for our soldiers and sailors, and for all who follow dangerous callings, that Thou wouldst encompass them with Thy protection and assure to their hearts Thy favour and peace: in the Name of Him who gave His life for men, Christ Jesus. *Amen.*

For Those at Sea.

(19) O Almighty God, whose way is in the sea and whose paths are in the great waters: be present, we beseech Thee, with our brothers in the manifold dangers of the deep; protect them from all its perils; prosper them in their course; and bring them in safety to the haven where they would be, with a grateful sense of Thy mercies: through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

For the Use of Those at Sea.

(20) Most gracious God, our heavenly Father, whose eye is ever upon us, whether in the crowded

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haunts of men or on the lonely sea, and who carest for all; teach us to live our life as seeing Thee who art invisible, and in all our ways to acknowledge Thee. To Thy care and guidance we commit ourselves and all who serve Thee on board this ship. Grant that by Thy goodness we may in due season reach in safety our appointed haven; and that when the voyage of life is ended we may come at last to Thy heavenly kingdom, which Thou hast prepared for all who love and seek to serve Thee here: through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

For Those about to Travel.

(21) To Thy fatherly protection, O Lord, we commend ourselves and those about to travel. Bless, guide, and defend us, that we may so pass through this world as finally to enjoy in Thy presence everlasting happiness, for Jesus Christ's sake. *Amen.*

Commemoration of Those Faithful unto Death for the Commonweal.

(22) Eternal God, the faithful Creator and Lover of all men, before whom stand the spirits of the living and the dead: we praise Thee for all those through whom Thou hast blessed us in our earthly welfare; for the faithful who witnessed a good confession, upholding truth and resisting evil unto the uttermost; for all who have laboured for liberty, justice and brotherhood; for those who gave themselves mightily in defence of freedom, mercy and good faith among the nations; especially for comrades and dear kindred whom we remember before Thee with undying affection; for those who in life and death have quickened our lives, and through whose sacrifice we live.

O Lord, who hast taught us that man hath no

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greater love than this, that he lay down his life for his friends: grant that their devotion may bear good fruit in us and in the generations coming after them, that we leave not their work unfinished, but in the might of such love likewise ever strive for a cleaner earth and a closer heaven.

Sanctify the ties that bind us to the Unseen, that we may hold the dead in continued remembrance, that the blessing of their fidelity and fortitude may rest upon us, that with cleansed hearts, strengthened wills, and faith confirmed we may walk with humble, steadfast steps the way that leadeth unto life.

In the communion of all saints, in unity with faithful spirits whom we have committed to the arms of Thine everlasting mercy, in fellowship with the whole family in heaven and on earth, we render thanksgiving and glory unto Thee the ever-living God: through Jesus Christ our Saviour. *Amen.*

Prayers with the Choir.

(1) O Lord, open Thou our lips.

And our mouth shall shew forth Thy praise.

Almighty and everlasting Father, who desirest that Thy children worship Thee in spirit and in truth: may it please Thee to grant unto us at this time the help of Thy Holy Spirit, that with trustful hearts and pure lips we may serve Thee in Thy house in praise and prayer, and in the preaching of Thy blessed Word; receiving humbly into our souls that grace of Thine which is sufficient for us in the work Thou hast given us to do; and so bearing ourselves in Thy service in Thy Church as to adorn Thy doctrine and to do Thy holy will in all things; rejoicing evermore in Thy love in Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

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(2) Eternal Father, who hast made us that our chief joy may be in Thee, be pleased of Thy great mercy to sanctify us in thought and feeling, and to free us from the power of this present world, that in quietness and holiness we may worship Thee at this eventide ; shew forth Thy praise not only with our lips, but in our lives ; and live before Thee in faith and righteousness all our days: through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

(3) O God, who hast given us to serve Thee in Thy sanctuary, prepare us, in mind and heart, worthily to engage in the holy offices of praise and prayer, and grant that we, using the talents Thou hast given us, for Thy glory, and in the service of Thy holy Church, may be fitted to praise Thee with our lips, and love Thee in our hearts, and glorify Thee in our lives, world without end.

(Choir) Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. *Amen.*

(4) Holy Father, who callest us to serve Thee in Thy sanctuary, grant us so to praise Thee with our lips, that the souls of all who are gathered in worship may be uplifted, purified, and strengthened: through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

(5) O Thou who hast taught us to glorify Thee in our bodies and in our spirits which are Thine, we beseech Thee that whether we play with our hands, or sing with our lips, or whatsoever we do in word or in deed, we may do all in the Name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks unto God and the Father through Him. *Amen.*

B. PRAYERS FOR CHRISTIAN FESTIVALS AND NATURAL SEASONS

The Incarnation of Our Lord : Christmas.

(1) O God, who makest us glad with the yearly remembrance of the birth of Thy only Son Jesus Christ: grant that as we joyfully receive Him as our Redeemer, we may with sure confidence behold Him when He shall come again to be our judge; who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost now and ever. *Amen.*

(2) O Lord God, whose chosen dwelling is the heart of the lowly, we give Thee thanks that Thou didst reveal Thyself in the Holy Child Jesus, and that all childhood has been sanctified in Him. We beseech Thee to make us so simple in faith and love, that we may know the joy of the Gospel that is hidden from the wise and prudent and revealed unto babes. And this we ask in His Name, who, wearing our mortal flesh, grew in wisdom and in favour with God and man. *Amen.*

(3) O Almighty God, who by the birth of Thy Holy One into the world didst give Thy true light to dawn upon our darkness: grant that as Thou hast given us to believe in the mystery of His incarnation, and hast made us partakers of the divine nature, so in the world to come we may ever abide with Him, in the glory of His kingdom: through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

(4) O God, most merciful and mighty, who hast so loved the world as to give Thine only-begotten

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Son to be the Saviour: quicken within us, we beseech Thee, the precious gift of faith, whereby we may know that the Son of God is come. Bestow upon us such love and charity as were His, to whom it was more blessed to give than to receive. May the same mind be in us which was in Christ Jesus; while we keep the festival of His Holy Nativity may we be enabled to consecrate ourselves to the service of all who are in need. As Thou dost make us glad this day with the remembrance of His holy incarnation, grant that He may be born afresh within us, and that His Presence may shed abroad in our hearts the light of heavenly joy and peace. Grant unto each one of us, O God, the grace and peace of this day's glad tidings, and let Thy benediction be upon our homes: through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The Crucifixion of Our Lord : Good Friday.

(5) O most merciful Father, who of Thy tender compassion towards us guilty sinners didst give Thine only-begotten Son to be an offering for our sins: grant us grace, we humbly beseech Thee, that, being united with Him by Thy Spirit, and made partakers of His sufferings and His death, we may crucify the corrupt inclinations of the flesh, die daily unto the world, and lead holy and unblamable lives. Cleaving unto His Cross in all the temptations of life, may we hold fast the profession of our faith without wavering, and finally attain unto the resurrection of the just: through the merits of this same once crucified but now risen and exalted Saviour. *Amen.*

(6) Almighty God, our heavenly Father, we bless Thee for Thine inestimable love in the redemption of this world by our Lord Jesus Christ.

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O Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God, our merciful and loving Saviour, we kneel beneath the shadow of Thy Cross. Thou wast wounded for our transgressions; by Thy stripes we are healed. Shew us afresh how our sinfulness smote and pierced Thee, how our pride has been consenting unto Thy death. O Saviour of sinners, wash us from our guilt. By Thine agony and bloody sweat, by Thy Cross and Passion, by Thy precious death and burial, good Lord, deliver us. O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, grant us Thy peace.

O Man of Sorrows, comfort this day all who mourn, and bind up the broken-hearted. O Thou who hast tasted death for every man, have mercy on all the dying. And when our call shall come, leave us not neither forsake us. *Amen.*

The Resurrection of Our Lord : Easter.

(7) Almighty and everlasting God, who, of Thy tender love towards mankind, hast sent Thy Son our Saviour Jesus Christ, to take upon Him our flesh, and to suffer death upon the cross, that all mankind should follow the example of His great humility: mercifully grant that we may both follow the example of His patience, and also be made partakers of His resurrection: through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

(8) Eternal Father, who turnest the shadow of death into the morning, fill our hearts, we humbly beseech Thee, with the power of our Lord's Resurrection and with the gladness of His victory. With angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven, and in fellowship with Thy Church on earth, we adore Thee for the grace of His presence among men in the days of His flesh, for the life laid down, the empty grave, His manifestation to the disciples,

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and His ascent to the right hand of the Majesty on high. Blessed be Thy Holy Name for death vanquished, for immortality brought to light, and for the gift of eternal life in the Son of Thy love. Most merciful Father, who forgivest iniquity, transgression and sin, renew a right spirit within us that, in lowly adoration, we may behold Thee reconciling the world unto Thyself in Christ crucified and risen. As He died unto sin once, but now liveth unto God, so likewise may we reckon ourselves to be dead indeed unto sin, but alive unto God through Him.

Glory be to Thee, O Christ, the Resurrection and the Life, for Thy Church which waits for Thee here, and for Thy servants who see Thee in the light that excelleth. Grant unto us to share the communion of the saints: that, being compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, we may be strong to comprehend with all saints the breadth and length and depth and height of Thy love, which passeth knowledge, that we may be filled with all the fulness of God.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. *Amen.*

(9) Almighty God, who hast brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the glorious Prince of salvation, with everlasting victory over hell and the grave: grant unto us power, we beseech Thee, to rise with Him to newness of life, that we may overcome the world with the victory of faith, and have part at last in the resurrection of the just: through the merits of the same risen Saviour, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. *Amen.*

(10) O Thou God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, we render Thee most humble and hearty

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thanks that when He had descended into the grave, Thou didst not suffer Thy Holy One to see corruption, but didst shew unto Him the path of life and raise Him from the dead, and set Him at Thine own right hand in the heavenly places. Grant us grace, we beseech Thee, to apprehend with true faith the glorious mystery of our Saviour's resurrection, and fill our hearts with joy, and a lively hope that amid all the sorrows, trials, and temptations of our mortal state, and in the hour of death, we may derive strength and comfort from this sure pledge of an inheritance incorruptible and undefiled, and that fadeth not away. *Amen.*

The Ascension of Our Lord.

(11) Almighty God, we give Thee praise and hearty thanks that our Lord Jesus Christ, having by His death destroyed death and by His resurrection brought life and immortality to light, has ascended up into heaven and sitteth at Thy right hand, evermore making intercession for the children of men. Therefore, with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify Thy glorious Name: evermore praising Thee and saying, Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of Hosts, heaven and earth are full of Thy glory. Glory be to Thee, O Lord Most High. *Amen.*

The Descent of the Holy Ghost : Whit-Sunday.

(12) O Eternal God, the Father of spirits and the Lover of souls, who didst send Thy Holy Spirit upon Thy Church on the day of Pentecost, and hast promised that He shall abide with it for ever: let that same Spirit lead us into all truth, defend us from all sin, enrich us with His gifts, refresh us with His comfort, rule our hearts in all things, and

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lead us in the way everlasting: through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with Thee and the same Spirit, liveth and reigneth one God, world without end. *Amen.*

(13) God of all peace and consolation, who didst gloriously fulfil the great promise of the Gospel by sending down the Holy Ghost on the day of Pentecost, to establish the Church as the house of His continual presence and power among men: mercifully grant unto us, we beseech Thee, this same gift of the Spirit, to renew, illumine, refresh, and sanctify our souls; to be over us and around us like the light and dew of heaven, and to be in us evermore as a well of water springing up into everlasting life: through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

See also Prayers of Supplication (1) and (29), pp. 48, 57.

Harvest : Thanksgiving.

(14) Almighty God and heavenly Father, we glorify Thee that we are once more permitted to enjoy the fulfilment of Thy gracious promise, that, while the earth remaineth, seed-time and harvest shall not fail. Blessed be Thou, who hast given us the fruits of the earth in their season. Teach us to remember that it is not by bread alone that man doth live; but grant that we may feed on Him who is the true bread which cometh down from heaven, even Jesus Christ, our Lord and Saviour: to whom, with Thee, O Father, and Thee, O Holy Ghost, be honour and glory, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

(15) O most merciful Father, who of Thy gracious goodness hast heard the devout prayers of Thy Church, and hast granted us to gather in their season the kindly fruits of the earth, and the harvest

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of the seas: we give Thee humble thanks for this Thy bounty; beseeching Thee to continue Thy loving-kindness toward us, that our land may yield her increase: through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

(16) O God most gracious, who hast blessed the labours of the husbandman, grant us grace to use Thy bountiful gifts to Thy glory, to the relief of those that are needy, and to our own good. Grant that, enjoying them in wisdom, temperance, and thankfulness, we may ever be mindful to seek the spiritual food of Thy Word wherewith our souls are nourished everlastingly: through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

National Thanksgiving.

(17) O God, Lord over all, we praise Thee for Thy favour shown unto our fathers, and Thy faithfulness continued unto their children, in establishing our nation in freedom and preserving it in unity; for the rich land given us for an inheritance; for the traditions of wise and virtuous men and women; for protection against our enemies and deliverance from inward strife; for an honourable place among the nations, and the promise of increasing strength. Keep Thou this people beneath Thy care, establish among them that righteousness which exalteth a nation, and guide them according to Thy will; and Thine shall be the glory and the praise and the thanksgiving from generation to generation. *Amen.*

(18) Almighty God, who didst lead our fathers into this land, and set their feet in a large room: give Thy grace, we beseech Thee, to us their children, that we may approve ourselves a people mindful of Thy favour, and glad to do Thy will. Bless our Dominion with honourable industry,

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sound learning, and pure manners. Save us from lawlessness and discord, pride and arrogance, and fashion into one godly people the multitude brought hither out of many kindreds and tongues. Give to all the spirit of service, love, and mutual forbearance. In prosperity make us thankful unto Thee, and in the day of trouble suffer not our trust in Thee to fail. So that, loving Thee above all things, we may fulfil Thy gracious purpose in this land: through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

At the New Year.

(19) Lord God, who art the same yesterday, to-day, and for ever, whose Throne is established in righteousness, whose compassions fail not, and whose love endureth unto all generations: lift the light of Thy countenance upon us, pilgrims as all our fathers were, that, thanking Thee for all the way by which Thou hast led us, we may as Thy children set our faces towards eternity and our affections on things above, ere we pass hence and are no more seen: through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

(20) O Immortal Lord God, who inhabitest eternity, and hast brought us, Thine unworthy servants, to the beginning of another year: pardon, we most humbly beseech Thee, our transgressions in the past, and graciously abide with us all the days of our life; guard and direct us in all trials and temptations, that by Thy blessing we may grow in grace as we grow in years, and at the last may finish our course with joy: through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

(21) O Thou who art from everlasting to everlasting, replenish us with heavenly grace, at the beginning of this year, that we may be enabled to accept all its duties to perform all its labours, to

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welcome all its mercies, to meet all its trials, and to advance through all it holds in store for us, with cheerful courage and a constant mind. O Lord, suffer us not to be separated from Thee, either by joy or sorrow, or any sin or weakness of our own; but have compassion upon us, and forgive us, and keep us in the strong confidence of Thine eternal love in Jesus Christ: that as Thou hast called us to immortality through Him, so we may pass the residue of our years in the power of an endless life; and to Thy Name shall be all the praise.

Amen.

PART II

FORMS OF SERVICE FOR
THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE
SACRAMENTS AND OTHER OFFICES
OF THE CHURCH

AN ORDER FOR THE CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER OR HOLY COMMUNION

I

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The Table shall be covered with a cloth of linen fair and white, and bread and wine in comely vessels shall be placed thereon. Where the individual cup is used, it is proper that there should be one large cup of wine, which may be conveniently raised and administered; also, one piece of bread, sufficiently large, which the Minister may take into his hands, break and distribute.

Invitation may be given to any members of other Christian communions, who are present, to come to the Table of the Lord.

When the Communion is about to be celebrated, the Minister shall give this Exhortation.

DEARLY Beloved,

As we draw near to the Lord's Table, we are to consider how great are the benefits of this Sacrament if we come to it with understanding, faith, and repentance, and with our souls hungering and thirsting after Christ. Not unto those who live willingly in sin, or cherish self-righteousness in

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their heart, or are out of charity with their brethren, are these benefits of Christ offered. But those who in sorrow of heart labour under the burden of their sins, and who, putting their trust in Christ, desire to lead a new life, and to reach out unto a greater progress in grace, are invited and encouraged in His Name to come to the Supper of the Lord, to their spiritual refreshing and the renewal of their strength.

A Psalm or Hymn shall here be sung.

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The Minister, standing behind the Table, may give the Greeting :

THE grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost be with you all.

The Minister shall say :

The Institution.

BELOVED in the Lord,
Attend to the words of the institution of the Holy Supper of our Lord Jesus Christ, as they are delivered by the holy Apostle St. Paul in the First Epistle to the Corinthians, the 11th chapter, at the 23rd verse:

I have received of the Lord that which also I delivered unto you, 'That the Lord Jesus the same night in which He was betrayed took bread: And when He had given thanks, He brake it, and said, Take, eat: this is my body; which is broken for you: this do in remembrance of me. After the same manner also He took the cup, when He had supped, saying, This cup is the new testament in my blood: this do ye, as oft as ye drink it, in remembrance of me. For as often as ye eat this bread, and drink this cup, ye do shew the Lord's death till He come.'

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And now that we may fulfil the Saviour's institution with righteousness and joy, let us, in celebrating this sacred service, follow His example in word and action.

As the Lord Jesus, the night in which He was betrayed, took bread, I take these elements to be set apart to the holy use for which He has appointed them.

(Here the Minister shall take the paten and the cup into his hands.)

And as He gave thanks and blessed, let us now draw near to the throne of grace and present to God our prayers and thanksgivings:

The Creed. **A**LMIGHTY and Eternal God, with Thy Holy Church throughout all the world, we believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of Heaven and Earth: and in Jesus Christ His Only Son our Lord: who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary: suffered under Pontius Pilate: was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into Hell; the third day He rose again from the dead: He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

We believe in the Holy Ghost; the Holy Catholic Church; the Communion of Saints; the Forgiveness of sins; the Resurrection of the body; and the Life everlasting. *Amen.*

Prayer of Humble Access. **A**LMIGHTY God, our Heavenly Father, who admittest Thy people into such wonderful Communion, that, partaking of the body and blood of Thy dear Son, they should dwell in Him, and He in them, we unworthy sinners, approaching Thy Presence and beholding Thy Glory, do confess that we have grievously sinned against Thee in thought,

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in word, and in deed. Yet now, most gracious Father, have mercy upon us: for the sake of Jesus Christ forgive us all our sins: purify us from all uncleanness: enable us heartily to forgive others as we beseech Thee to forgive us: and grant that we may hereafter serve Thee in newness of life, to the glory of Thy Holy Name. *Amen.*

Agnus Dei. O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world:

Have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world:

Grant us Thy peace.

*The Prayer
of the Veil.*

O GOD, who by the blood of Thy dear Son hast consecrated for us a new and living way into the holiest of all through the veil, that is, His flesh, grant unto us, we beseech Thee, the assurance of Thy mercy, and sanctify us by Thy Holy Spirit, that drawing near unto Thee with a pure heart and undefiled conscience, we may offer unto Thee a sacrifice in righteousness, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Sursum Corda. Lift up your hearts!

We lift them up to God.

Let us give thanks to our Lord God.

It is meet and right so to do.

The Eucharistic Prayer.

*Commemoration
of Creation.*

IT is meet and right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times and in all places, give thanks unto Thee, O Eternal God. For Thou art from everlasting. Thou only didst create Heaven and Earth and all things therein. Thee the hosts

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of heaven, angels and archangels, continually adore, who cease not day and night, crying aloud, answering one another, and singing unto Thee:

Triumphal Hymn. Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of hosts,
Heaven and earth are full of Thy glory.
Glory be to Thee, O Lord Most High.
Hosannah in the highest.

Blessed is He that cometh in the name
of the Lord.

Hosannah in the highest.

Commemoration of Redemption. O Holy, Almighty, and Merciful
God: Thou didst give Thy Son
for the life of the world: who being
very and eternal God, in perfect love became man
for us men and for our salvation. Not as we ought,
but as we are able, we bless Thee for His holy
incarnation: for His life on earth: for His precious
sufferings and death upon the cross: for His resur-
rection from the dead: for His glorious ascension to
Thy right hand: and that He fulfilled Thy will and
finished the work which Thou gavest Him to do.

Wherefore, we, Thy servants, having in remem-
brance His most blessed sacrifice, shewing His
death, believing and confessing His resurrection,
rejoicing in His ascension and glorious presence at
Thy right hand, abiding in the communion of the
Holy Ghost, and looking for the promise of His
kingdom, do present unto Thee this memorial of
Him, which He has appointed, giving thanks unto
Thee through Him.

Invocation of the Holy Spirit. And we most humbly beseech
Thee, O Merciful Father, to vouch-
safe unto us Thy gracious presence,
and so to sanctify with Thy Word and Spirit these
Thine own gifts of bread and wine which we set
before Thee, that the bread which we break may be

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to us the communion of the body of Christ, and the cup of blessing which we bless, the communion of the blood of Christ: through the same Jesus Christ our Lord in whose prevailing name and words we still further pray:

Our Father which art in heaven, hallowed be Thy Name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: for Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

The elements being now sanctified by the Word and prayer, the Minister is to say :

According to the holy institution, example, and command of our Lord Jesus Christ, and in remembrance of Him, we do this, Who, the same night in which He was betrayed, took bread:

(Here he shall take some of the bread into his hand.)

And when He had given thanks, He brake it,

(Here he shall break the bread in view of the congregation.)

and said, Take, eat; this is my body which is broken for you; this do in remembrance of me.

(Here he shall himself partake and make distribution to the Elders, who shall also partake. After they have communicated, he shall say :)

After the same manner also He took the cup,

(Here he shall take the cup in his hand, holding it in view of the congregation.)

when he had supped, saying, This cup is the new testament in my blood: this do ye, as oft as ye drink it, in remembrance of me.

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(Here shall he partake of the cup, and administer to the Elders. When they have partaken, they shall make distribution to the people, the Elders administering the bread going first, and those administering the cup at a short interval. When all have partaken, the Minister shall say :)

The Pax. The peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

Bidding to Beloved in the Lord, since the Lord
Thankfulness. hath given us grace to fulfil this service, and hath now satisfied our souls at His Holy Table, let us give praise and thanks unto His Holy Name, and let us entreat His grace to be sufficient for us, that we may fulfil our vows and continue in every good purpose, glorifying Him in our bodies and our spirits, which are His, and ever walking worthy of our high calling in Christ Jesus.

Let us pray.

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Self-dedication.

O GOD, our Father, we give Thee hearty thanks for the most blessed communion of which Thou hast this day made us partakers. We again dedicate ourselves to Thy service in body, soul, and spirit. Make Thy grace always sufficient for us. Perfect Thy strength in our weakness. Succour us amidst the manifold temptations and sorrows of our lives. Give us power to endure unto the end, and let the light of Thy countenance be upon us now and forever more.

Intercession for the Church Militant.

O LORD, save Thy people and bless Thine heritage ; feed them also and lift them up forever. Pour out Thy spirit upon Thy congregation. Let Thy priests be clothed with righteousness, and let Thy saints shout for joy. Shew Thy mercy also unto them that are afar off,

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and gather the lost sheep into Thy fold; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

(Here special intercessions may be offered.)

Thanksgiving for the Church Triumphant. **R**EJOICING in the communion of Thy saints, we bless Thy Holy Name for all Thy servants who have departed in the faith, and who, having accomplished their warfare, are at rest with Thee; the great cloud of witnesses by which we are compassed about; all Thy saints in every age who have loved Thee in life, and continued faithful unto death; those dear to our own souls, our fathers and brethren who have fallen asleep in Christ, believing that we are still one with them in the same holy fellowship, and beseeching Thee to enable us so to follow their faith and good example that we with them may finally be partakers of Thy heavenly kingdom, when, made like unto Christ, we shall behold Him with unveiled face, rejoicing in His glory, and by Him with all Thy Church, holy and unspotted, shall be presented faultless before the presence of Thy glory. Hear us, O Heavenly Father, for His sake, to whom, with Thee and the Holy Ghost, be glory for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Then may be sung :

O Thou, my soul, bless God the Lord, and all, &c. (Psalm ciii. 1-5) ; *or the Gloria in Excelsis, or some other appropriate Psalm or Hymn.*

And with this blessing the Minister shall send the people away :

NOW the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of His Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be amongst you, and remain with you always. *Amen.*

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II

On the day on which there shall be the celebration of Holy Communion, Divine Worship shall throughout be so ordered as to be preparatory to and consonant with the observance of the holy ordinance. The Session having been previously constituted in the vestry, the Elders shall take their seats about the Communion Table.

The Table shall be covered with a cloth of linen fair and white, and bread and wine in comely vessels shall be placed thereon. Where the individual cup is used, it is proper that there should be one large cup of wine, which may be conveniently raised and administered; also, one piece of bread, sufficiently large, which the Minister may take into his hands, break, and distribute.

Invitation may be given to any members of other Christian communions, who are present, to come to the Table of the Lord.

When the Communion is about to be celebrated, the Minister shall give this Exhortation.

DEARLY Beloved,

As we draw near to the Lord's Table, we are to consider how great are the benefits of this Sacrament if we come to it with understanding, faith, and repentance, and with our souls hungering and thirsting after Christ. Not unto those who

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live willingly in sin, or cherish self-righteousness in their heart, or are out of charity with their brethren, are these benefits of Christ offered. But those who in sorrow of heart labour under the burden of their sins, and who, putting their trust in Christ, desire to lead a new life, and to attain a greater progress in grace, are invited and encouraged in His Name to come to the Supper of the Lord, to their spiritual refreshing and the renewal of their strength.

A Psalm or Hymn shall here be sung.

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The Minister, standing behind the Table, may recite some appropriate verses of Scripture, and speak comfortable words, after the following manner:

God so loved the world that He gave His only-begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends. . . . God commendeth His love toward us in that while we were yet sinners Christ died for us.

What shall I render unto the Lord for all His benefits toward me? I will take the cup of salvation, and call upon the Name of the Lord. I will pay my vows unto the Lord now in the presence of all His people.

He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities; the chastisement of our peace was upon Him; and with His stripes we are healed.

Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.

Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you.

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BELOVED in the Lord,

As we celebrate the Holy Communion of the body and blood of Christ, we are gratefully to remember that our Lord instituted this Sacrament to be observed in His Church for the perpetual remembrance of the sacrifice of Himself in His death, to give a visible assurance and seal of all the benefits thereof unto true believers, to be a bond and pledge of their union with Him and with one another as members of His body which is the Church, and to engage them further in the fulfilment of all the duties they owe to Him.

Here the Minister may call upon all present to confess Christ in the words of the Apostles' Creed.

The Minister shall then say :

Hear the words of the institution of this Sacrament as recorded in Holy Scripture (1 Cor. xi. 23-5) :

I have received of the Lord that which also I delivered unto you, That the Lord Jesus the same night in which He was betrayed took bread: And when He had given thanks, He brake it, and said, Take, eat: this is my body, which is broken for you: this do in remembrance of me. After the same manner also He took the cup, when He had supped, saying, This cup is the new testament in my blood: this do ye, as oft as ye drink it, in remembrance of me.

The Minister shall say:

Let us pray.

O GOD, who by the blood of Thy dear Son hast consecrated for us a new and living way into the holiest of all: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of Thy Holy Spirit, that we may receive these Thy gifts with pure hearts and worthily magnify Thy Holy Name.

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Not as we ought, but as we are able, we bless Thee for His incarnation; for His life on earth; for His precious sufferings and death on the cross; for His resurrection from the dead, and for His glorious ascension to Thy right hand, where He maketh continual intercession for us.

And we most humbly beseech Thee, O merciful Father, to vouchsafe unto us Thy gracious presence, and so to sanctify with Thy Word and Spirit these Thine own gifts of bread and wine which are set before Thee, that the bread which we break may be to us the communion of the body of Christ and the cup of blessing which we bless the communion of the blood of Christ.

And we beseech Thee to receive this memorial of the blessed sacrifice of Thy Son which He has commanded us to make until He come; in union with whom we offer unto Thee our souls and our bodies, entreating Thee to grant unto us and unto all Thy people, through the mediation of our Lord Jesus Christ, the remission of our sins and all other benefits of His passion.

Our Father which art in heaven, &c. *Amen.*

The Minister shall then take the bread and, breaking it in view of the people, say :

Our Lord Jesus, the same night in which He was betrayed, took bread and, when He had given thanks, He brake it, and said, Take, eat; this is my body which is broken for you; this do in remembrance of me.

Here the Minister distributes the bread to the Elders, who distribute it among the Communicants, all partaking in the order appointed by the Session.

Then the Minister, taking the cup in his hand, shall say :

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After the same manner also He took the cup, when He had supped, saying, This cup is the new testament in my blood: this do ye, as oft as ye drink it, in remembrance of me.

So saying, the Minister shall give the cup to be received in like manner.

When all have partaken and the Elders have resumed their places, the Minister shall say :

As oft as ye eat this bread and drink this cup, ye do shew the Lord's death till He come.

The Minister may now give a short exhortation, or may recite suitable passages of Scripture, such as the following :

I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service.

Whatsoever ye do in word or deed, do all in the Name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God and the Father by Him.

The very God of peace sanctify you wholly; and I pray God your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. Faithful is He that calleth you, who also will do it.

Then shall be offered a prayer of Thanksgiving for the benefits of the Sacrament, of self-dedication, of intercession for the whole Church of Christ, and of grateful remembrance of His faithful servants departed to be for ever with the Lord ; after this manner :

Let us pray.

ALMIGHTY God, our Father and Redeemer, who hast purchased us to be Thine own with the precious blood of Christ, and hast again fed our

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souls at Thy Table, we yield ourselves afresh to Thee in the bonds of a holy covenant, and anew consecrate ourselves unto the Lord. Accept, we beseech Thee, this our vow, and so constrain us by the love of Christ that in lives of holiness and zeal and charity we may evermore shew forth Thy praise.

Visit, we beseech Thee, with Thy divine favour all who love the Lord Jesus Christ in sincerity. Let Thy manifold grace be so ministered to them that they shall be perfect and entire, wanting nothing. O Lord, save Thy people; bless Thy heritage; feed them also, and lift them up for ever.

Most merciful God, we bless Thy Holy Name for all Thy servants who, having accomplished their warfare, are at rest with Thee. We rejoice to believe that we are still one with them in the same holy fellowship. We pray Thee to enable us to follow their faith and good example, that we with them may finally be partakers of Thy heavenly kingdom. Hear us, O heavenly Father, for Jesus' sake, to whom, with Thee and the Holy Ghost, be glory for ever. *Amen.*

Here a Hymn or Psalm shall be sung, followed by the Benediction.

THE God of peace, that brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do His will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in His sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory for ever and ever. *Amen.*

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I

In the course of Public Worship, or on special occasions after the singing of a Psalm or Hymn, the Minister shall say :

DEARLY Beloved,

Attend to the words of the institution of this Holy Sacrament, as delivered by our Lord and Saviour to His disciples after His resurrection and before His ascension to the right hand of God:

All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth. Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world.

Hear also the words of the Gospel written by St. Mark: They brought young children to Him, that He should touch them: and His disciples rebuked those that brought them. But when Jesus saw it, He was much displeased, and said unto them, Suffer the little children to come unto Me, and forbid them not, for of such is the kingdom of God.

The Sacrament thus instituted is a sign and seal of our ingrafting into Christ, of remission of sin by His blood, and regeneration by His Spirit, of adoption, and resurrection unto everlasting life; and

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through it we are solemnly admitted, by Christ's appointment, into His Church, and enter into an engagement to be the Lord's.

Neither is it requisite that all those who receive this Sacrament have the use of understanding and faith; but chiefly that they be contained under the name of God's people, so that the remission of sins in the blood of Christ Jesus doth appertain unto them by God's promise. Therefore, seeing that God hath not only made us His children, and received us into the fellowship of His Church, but also that He hath promised that He will be the God of our children, without injury they cannot be debarred from the common sign of God's children.

For ye have heard in the Gospel the words of our Saviour Christ, that He commanded the children to be brought unto Him; how He exhorted all men to follow their innocency. Ye perceive how by His outward gesture and deed He declared His good will toward them; for He embraced them in His arms, He laid His hands upon them and blessed them.

Doubt ye not, therefore, but earnestly believe, that He will likewise favourably receive this present infant; that He will embrace *him* with the arms of His mercy; that He will give unto *him* the blessing of eternal life, and make *him* partaker of His everlasting kingdom.

Furthermore, it is evident that Baptism was ordained to be ministered in the element of water, to teach us that like as water doth outwardly cleanse the body, so doth the virtue of Christ's blood, and the sanctifying grace of the Holy Spirit, inwardly purify our souls.¹

¹ Dearly Beloved, it profiteth much that we be oft present at the ministration of this holy Sacrament, that we may try our lives past and prove ourselves, whether we stand fast in

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Let us pray.

ALMIGHTY and Everlasting God, who of Thine infinite mercy and goodness hast promised unto us that Thou wilt not only be our God, but also the God and Father of our children, we beseech Thee that, as Thou hast been pleased to call us to be partakers of Thy great mercy in the fellowship of faith, it may please Thee to sanctify with Thy Spirit, and to receive into the number of Thy children, this infant, whom we bring to Thee. Grant, we beseech Thee, that *he*, coming to years of understanding, may confess Thee only the true God, and Jesus Christ whom Thou hast sent; and so serve Him that, after his life is ended, *he* may be brought as a living member of His body unto the full fruition of Thy joys in the heavens, where Thy Son our Saviour reigneth world without end.

Our Father which art in heaven, &c. *Amen.*

Then shall the Minister say to the parents :

In presenting this child for Baptism, do you make profession of your faith in God the Father as your heavenly Father, in Jesus Christ as your Lord and Saviour, and in the Holy Spirit as your Sanctifier; and do you promise, in dependence on Divine help, to instruct *him* in the truths and duties of the Christian faith, and by prayer, precept and godly example, to bring *him* up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord?

(*Ans.*)—I do.

the faith or have strayed; that, hearing the loving promises of our heavenly Father, we may walk more warily in our vocation.

Moreover, ye that be fathers and mothers may take hereby most singular comfort in being reminded that your children have been thus received into the bosom of Christ's congregation, whereby ye are admonished that ye nourish and bring up the children of God's favour and mercy, over whom His fatherly providence watcheth continually.

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Then the parent or other sponsor presenting the child at the font, the Congregation standing, the Minister requireth the child's name, which known, he saith :

N., I baptize thee in the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost.

As the Minister pronounces these words, he is to baptize the child with water, pouring or sprinkling it upon the child's head.

Then the Minister may add :

The Lord bless thee and keep thee; the Lord make His face shine upon thee, and be gracious unto thee: the Lord lift up His countenance upon thee, and give thee peace. *Amen.*

Turning to the Congregation, the Minister may say:

This child is now received, by Christ's appointment, into His Church, and is engaged to confess the faith of Christ crucified, and to continue Christ's faithful soldier and servant unto *his* life's end.

Let us pray.

MOST holy and merciful Father, who dost not only beautify and bless us with common benefits, but dost also heap upon us most abundantly rare and wonderful gifts: we lift up our eyes and minds unto Thee, and give Thee most humble thanks, who dost call our children unto Thee, marking them with this Sacrament as a singular token and badge of Thy love. Confirm this Thy favour more and more towards us, we beseech Thee, and take this infant into Thy tuition and defence, that *he* may perceive Thee continually to be *his* merciful Father, through Thy Spirit working in *his* heart, by whose divine power *he* may so prevail against evil, that, in the end, obtaining the victory, *he* may be exalted into the liberty of Thy kingdom. *Amen.*

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THE grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Ghost be with you. *Amen.*

Directory Notes.

The Sacrament of Baptism should, as an act of the Church, in all normal cases be administered in the Church in the presence of the Congregation (Westminster Directory).

Baptism is to be administered by a Minister of Christ, called to be the steward of the mysteries of God (Westminster Directory).

'The infants of one or both believing parents are to be baptized' (Confession of Faith, xxviii. 4).

'The child to be baptized is to be presented by the father, or (in cases of his necessary absence) by some Christian friend in his place, professing his earnest desire that the child may be baptized' (Westminster Directory).

'Grace and salvation are not so inseparably annexed unto this ordinance as that none can be regenerated or saved without it, or that all that are baptized are undoubtedly regenerated. . . . The efficacy of Baptism is not tied to that moment of time wherein it is administered' (Confession of Faith, xxviii. 5, 6).

A register of Baptisms should be carefully kept as a record of acts of the Church ; and in provinces where the Register may affect the legal interests of the child, the requirements of the province must be observed.

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II

In the course of Public Worship, or on special occasions after the singing of a Psalm or Hymn, the Minister shall say :

HEAR our Lord's commission to baptize when He said to His disciples, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth. Go ye, therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost: teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world.

Here the Minister may recite some of the following passages of Holy Scripture, but always the last :

Hear further the Word of God—Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thine heart and with all thy soul and with all thy might. And these words which I command thee this day shall be in thine heart; and thou shalt teach them diligently unto thy children, and shalt talk of them when thou sittest in thine house, and when thou walkest by the way, and when thou liest down, and when thou risest up.

I will establish my covenant between me and thee and thy seed after thee in their generations for an everlasting covenant, to be a God unto thee and thy seed after thee.

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Jesus called a little child unto Him, and set him in the midst of them, and said, Verily I say unto you, Except ye be converted, and become as little children, ye shall not enter into the kingdom of heaven.

They brought young children unto Him, that He should touch them: and His disciples rebuked those that brought them. But when Jesus saw it, He was much displeased, and said unto them, Suffer the little children to come unto me, and forbid them not: for of such is the kingdom of God. Verily I say unto you, Whosoever shall not receive the kingdom of God as a little child, he shall not enter therein. And He took them up in His arms, put His hands upon them, and blessed them.

The Minister shall use some words of instruction upon the nature, meaning and ends of this Sacrament, after the following manner :

DEARLY Beloved,
We have heard with what kindly words and gesture our Lord Jesus Christ received little children who were brought to Him, thereby assuring us that He will embrace our children within the arms of His love and protection. St. Paul has taught us that the children of believing parents are to be numbered among the people of God, and St. Peter that the promise is to us and to our children.

This Sacrament of Baptism signifies the cleansing of our hearts by the grace of Jesus Christ and the renewal of our nature by the Holy Spirit. It is the recognition of our children's birthright in the household of faith, and the rite of admission into the visible Church. It seals the sacred bond in which God assures to them His fatherly love and care,

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and in which they are engaged to confess Christ and be His faithful people.

In this act parents dedicate their children to the Father who gave them, and receive them again from His hands as a sacred trust, to be brought up for His kingdom and service.

The Minister shall here offer prayer for the presence of the Holy Spirit in the act of Baptism, after the following manner :

Let us pray.

ALMIGHTY God and merciful Father, we thank Thee that in Thy goodness Thou hast promised to be, not only our God, but the God and Father of our children; and we humbly pray that it may please Thee to sanctify with Thy Spirit, and to receive into the number of Thy people, this child whom we baptize in Thy Name: through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Then shall the Minister say to the parents or other sponsors :

In presenting your child for Baptism, do you make profession of your faith in God the Father as your heavenly Father, in Jesus Christ as your Lord and Saviour, and in the Holy Spirit as your Sanctifier; and do you promise, in dependence on Divine help, to instruct *him* in the truths and duties of the Christian faith, and by prayer, precept and godly example to bring *him* up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord?

(*Ans.*)—I do.

The Lord preserve you and the child and give you grace faithfully to perform these vows!

Then the parent or other sponsor presenting the child at the font, the Congregation standing, the Minister is to say (calling the child by name) :

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N., I baptize thee in the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost.

As he pronounces these words he is to baptize the child with water, pouring or sprinkling it upon the child's head.

Then this or some other blessing may be spoken by the Minister :

The Lord bless thee and keep thee ; the Lord make His face shine upon thee, and be gracious unto thee : the Lord lift up His countenance upon thee, and give thee peace.

Turning to the Congregation, the Minister shall say :

This child is now publicly received into the congregation of Christ's flock, and is engaged to confess Christ and to be His faithful servant. Wherefore receive ye *him* in the Lord as Christ also received us to the glory of God.

The Minister shall offer a prayer of thanksgiving for the blessings of the Sacrament and for favour shewn to the mother, of dedication of the child, and of supplication for him and the parents and other families, after the following manner :

O GOD, the Father everlasting, Father of our spirits, we bless Thy Name for the inestimable benefits assured to us and our children in this singular token of Thy love. Graciously confirm and fulfil Thine own ordinance by the continuous gifts of Thy Spirit to the child baptized in Thy Name. May *he*, now acknowledged a member of the visible Church of Thy dear Son, be numbered among the lambs in the flock of the Good Shepherd. Receive *him* into Thy kindly keeping, tuition, and defence. As *he* grows in stature, may *he*, like the holy child Jesus, grow in wisdom and in favour with God and man; and grant that *he*, with all our

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children, may confess Christ and become His faithful servant unto *his* life's end.

We thank Thee, gracious Father, for Thy preserving care, [for a living mother and a living child;] and we entreat Thee to enable the parents to perform their vows with all wisdom and fidelity, and to bring *him* up in the knowledge and love of God.

Do Thou raise up the children to praise and serve Thee in their generation, that true religion may never perish from the land, and that finally we may be all one family in the everlasting home.

This we beg through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

The Lord's Prayer shall here be said.

Our Father which art in heaven, &c. *Amen.*

*Then a Hymn shall be sung, to be followed by the
Benediction:*

THE grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Ghost, be with you all. *Amen.*

(For Directory Notes see page 121.)

AN ORDER FOR THE ADMINISTRATION OF HOLY BAPTISM TO ADULTS

The Candidate for Baptism appearing before the font, the Minister shall say :

BELOVED in the Lord,
Attend to the words of the institution of this holy Sacrament, as delivered by our Lord and Saviour to His disciples, after His resurrection and before His ascension to the right hand of God :

All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth. Go ye, therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost : teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world.

This Sacrament is a sign and seal of the cleansing of our hearts by the grace of Jesus Christ; the renewal of our nature by the Holy Spirit; adoption into the household of faith; and admission, by Christ's appointment, into His Church.

Hence St. Peter, on the day of Pentecost, called upon the people, saying, Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ, for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the Holy Ghost.

Doubt ye not, therefore, but earnestly believe, that He will number among His people this person, truly repenting and coming unto Him by faith.

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The Minister shall then say to the person to be baptized, who shall answer, as follows :

Do you receive and confess the Christian faith, believing in God the Father as your heavenly Father, in Jesus Christ as your Lord and Saviour, and in the Holy Spirit as your Sanctifier, and in this faith do you wish to be baptized?

(*Ans.*)—I do.

Do you confess your sins and turn from them with godly sorrow, and put your trust in the mercy of God which is in Christ Jesus; and do you promise, in dependence on Divine grace, to walk in His ways all the days of your life?

(*Ans.*)—I do.

The Minister shall then say :

Let us pray.

ALMIGHTY and everlasting Father, who, of Thine infinite mercy, hast called us to be partakers of Thy great goodness in the fellowship of faith: sanctify with Thy Spirit, we beseech Thee, this person now before Thee whom we are about to baptize according to Thy Word: that *he*, confessing Thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom Thou hast sent, may receive the fulness of Thy grace, and ever remain in the number of Thy faithful children: through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The Minister, having ascertained the name of the person to be baptized, shall pronounce (his) name and pour or sprinkle water upon (his) head, saying :

N., I baptize thee in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost.

He then blesses the person baptized, thus :

The very God of peace sanctify you wholly: and I pray God your whole spirit and soul and body be

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preserved blameless unto the coming of the Lord Jesus Christ.

The Minister shall then say :

This person is now received into the congregation of Christ's flock, to be partaker of all the privileges of the new covenant, and is engaged to confess the faith of Christ crucified, and to continue Christ's faithful soldier and servant unto *his* life's end.

The Minister shall then say :

Let us pray.

MOST holy and merciful Father, who dost not only beautify and bless us with common benefits, but also heapest upon us most rare and wonderful gifts: we lift up our eyes and minds unto Thee, and give Thee most humble thanks, who, of Thy free mercy dost call unto Thee a people, marking them with this Sacrament as a singular token and badge of Thy love. Confirm this Thy favour more and more toward us, we beseech Thee, and take this Thy servant into Thy tuition and defence, that *he* may perceive Thee continually to be *his* merciful Father, through Thy Spirit working in *his* heart, by whose divine power *he* may prevail against evil, that, in the end, obtaining the victory, *he* may be exalted into the liberty of Thy kingdom.

Our Father which art in heaven, &c. *Amen.*

A Hymn may here be sung, to be followed by the Benediction.

THE God of peace, that brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do His will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in His sight, through Jesus Christ; to whom be glory for ever and ever. *Amen.*

AN ORDER FOR
THE ADMISSION OF BAPTIZED
PERSONS TO FULL COMMUNION

Those who profess their faith in Christ, and desire publicly to confirm their Baptismal vow and to be received into full Communion, shall be admitted by the Minister and Elders in presence of the Congregation.

The Minister, addressing the Congregation, shall say :

DEARLY Beloved,
We are now about to admit to the confirmation of their Baptismal vow and to the Lord's Supper these persons who are ready to profess publicly the faith into which they were baptized.

Their names are . . .

Addressing them as they stand in order before him, the Minister, with the Elders about him, shall say :

BELOVED in the Lord,
In the days of your infancy you were by Baptism claimed as the children of God, and engaged to be the followers of Jesus Christ. God in His mercy has spared you to years of responsibility; and you have now, of your own choice, come to take upon yourselves the obligations of Christ's disciples and openly to join the communion of His Church.

I call upon you, therefore, to give answer, as in the presence of God, to the questions I now put to you.

Do you receive and confess the Christian faith,

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believing in God the Father as your heavenly Father, in Jesus Christ as your Lord and Saviour, and in the Holy Spirit as your Sanctifier.

(Ans.)—I do.

Do you confess your sins and turn from them with godly sorrow, and put your trust in the mercy of God which is in Christ Jesus; and do you promise, in dependence on Divine grace, to walk in His ways all the days of your life?

(Ans.)—I do.

Do you promise to submit yourselves to all the ordinances of Christ, to make diligent use of the means of grace, and faithfully to support the work and worship of the Church?

(Ans.)—I do.

In the Name of Jesus Christ, the great King and Head of the Church, and by the authority of the Session of this Congregation, I do now admit and welcome you to the fellowship of the Lord's Table and to all the privileges of full communion with the Church of Christ.

When Communicants are received from other Churches or from other Congregations of the same Church, the Minister, having read their names, shall address them after this manner :

BELOVED in the Lord,
Having already made public confession of your faith in Christ, and having transferred your membership in His Church to this congregation, we hereby admit and welcome you to its fellowship. Do you promise to persevere in the diligent use of the means of grace, and earnestly in all things to seek the peace and welfare of the Church?

(Ans.)—I do.

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The very God of peace sanctify you wholly; and I pray your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Addressing all present, the Minister shall say :

These persons, having been admitted into full communion with the Church of Christ and into the membership of this Congregation, are cordially commended to your confidence and fellowship.

Let us pray.

ALmighty God, we bless and thank Thee that, by Thy grace given to these Thy children, they have been led to confess Christ before men; and that to us has been given the joy of receiving them into the Church of Thy dear Son. We thank Thee that, in the days of their infancy, they were, by their baptism, laid in the arms of the good Shepherd and Bishop of our souls. We thank Thee for all the means of grace by which Thou didst draw them to Thyself; for the loving counsels of Christian parents and teachers and pastors; and that they have been enabled to witness a good confession.

Forgive, O most gracious God, the sins and faults of their youth; and be pleased to accept them as they now dedicate themselves to Thee and to Thy service. Bestow upon them the manifold gifts of Thy Spirit, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord. Vouchsafe unto them Thy help and blessing when they approach the Table of the Lord to partake of the most precious body and blood of Christ. Give them grace to see Jesus only. Strengthen every better purpose in their heart. Confirm every good

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resolution. And grant, O most merciful Father, that they may continue steadfast unto the end, and that their portion may be with Thy saints at the glorious appearing of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, to whom, with Thee the Father, and the Holy Ghost, be glory for ever.

Our Father which art in heaven, &c. *Amen.*

The Minister and Elders shall then give to each the right hand of fellowship.

A Hymn may be sung, to be followed by the Benediction:

THE peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of His Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be amongst you, and remain with you always. *Amen.*

AN ORDER FOR THE SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGE

I

The persons to be married shall take their places before the Minister, the man having the woman at his left hand, all present reverently standing. The Minister shall say :

EXCEPT the Lord build the house, they labour in vain that build it.

In all thy ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct thy paths.

DEARLY Beloved,

We are met together, in the presence of God, to join this man and this woman in holy wedlock, according to the ordinance of God, the custom of the Christian Church, and the laws of this realm, and to implore on their behalf the blessing of Almighty God.

Marriage is an honourable estate, instituted by God, sanctioned and honoured by the presence of the Lord Jesus Christ at the wedding feast in Cana of Galilee, and set forth by His Apostle as a symbol of the mystical union between Christ and His Church. It was ordained of God as the foundation and bond of family life, for mutual help and comfort of husband and wife, for the nurture of children in piety and godliness, and for the welfare of the state.

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This estate of matrimony is therefore not to be entered on lightly nor unadvisedly, but thoughtfully, reverently, and in the fear of God.

If any one can shew any just cause why these two persons may not lawfully be joined in matrimony, let him now declare it, or else hereafter for ever hold his peace.

I require and charge you both that, if either of you know any lawful impediment why you may not be united in marriage, you do now declare it.

No impediment being alleged or confessed, the Minister shall offer prayer :

Let us pray.

ALMIGHTY God, the Creator and Preserver of Amen, from whom cometh every good and perfect gift, we bless Thee for all Thy benefits, and especially at this time for Thine ordinance of marriage. We thank Thee that in Thy Providence Thou hast led these Thy servants into mutual affection and confidence. Assist them, we beseech Thee, to plight their troth and in Thy Name to exchange their vows of love and faithfulness. And may it please Thee, without whose benediction nothing can prosper, to grant us now the joy and blessing of Thy presence: through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The Minister shall then say :

Who giveth this woman to be married to this man?

The father, or whoever takes his place, shall answer :
I do.

The Minister shall then say to the man :

M., wilt thou have this woman to thy wedded wife, to live together after God's ordinance in the

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holy estate of matrimony? Wilt thou love her, comfort her, honour and keep her, in sickness and in health, and faithfully keep thee to her alone, as long as you both shall live?

The man shall answer : I will.

The Minister shall then say to the woman :

N., wilt thou have this man to thy wedded husband, to live together after God's ordinance in the holy state of matrimony? Wilt thou love him, comfort him, honour and keep him, in sickness and in health, and faithfully keep thee to him alone, as long as you both shall live?

The woman shall answer : I will.

The Minister shall then say : Join your right hands, and let the man say after me :

I, M., do take thee, N., to be my lawful wedded wife : to have and to hold from this day forward, for better for worse, for richer for poorer, in sickness and in health, to love and to cherish, till death us do part : and thereto I plight thee my troth.

The Minister shall then say : Let the woman say after me :

I, N., do take thee M., to be my lawful wedded husband : to have and to hold from this day forward, for better for worse, for richer for poorer, in sickness and in health, to love and to cherish, till death us do part : and thereto I plight thee my troth.

Or, instead of the above questions, the Minister shall cause the man, holding the woman by the right hand, to take upon him the vow following :

Do you, M., take this woman whom you now hold by the hand to be your lawful wife : do you promise

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that you will be to her a loving and loyal husband, that you will cherish and keep her in sickness and in health : and that, forsaking all others, you will keep you only unto her as long as you both shall live?

(*Ans.*)—I do.

The woman, holding the man by the right hand, shall take upon her the vow following :

Do you, N., take this man whom you now hold by the hand to be your lawful husband : do you promise that you will be to him a loving and loyal wife, that you will cherish and keep him in sickness and in health : and that, forsaking all others, you will keep you only unto him as long as you both shall live?

(*Ans.*)—I do.

The Minister, addressing the man, shall then say :

You will now place a ring on the fourth finger of the woman's left hand, and, holding the ring there, say after me : I give thee this ring as the token and pledge of the covenant now made between us.

Or the Minister shall say :

In token of fidelity to these vows this ring is given and received.

Then the man shall place the ring on the fourth finger of the woman's left hand.

The Minister shall then declare :

What God hath joined together let not man put asunder. Forasmuch as M. and N. have consented together in holy wedlock, and have declared the same before God and in presence of these witnesses, I pronounce them to be husband and wife, in the

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Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost.

The Minister shall pronounce over them this blessing :

The Lord bless you and keep you : the Lord make His face shine upon you, and be gracious unto you : the Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.

Let us pray.

O HOLY and blessed God, who art the Author and Giver of all good things, send down Thy blessing, we beseech Thee, upon these Thy servants whom Thou hast now through the ministry of the Church made man and wife. As Thou hast brought them together in Thy providence, sanctify them by Thy Spirit; hallow their home by Thy presence, giving them loyalty of heart in their new estate and grace to fulfil with pure and steadfast affection the vow and covenant made before Thee. May their love never know doubt or change, but may common tasks, trials and joys bind them ever more closely in heart.

Let it please Thee by Thy fatherly goodness to guide their steps, to supply their wants, and prosper their undertakings. Defend them against the temptations of life; give them health and well-being; and grant them the desires of their hearts according to Thy will.

Gracious Father, remember the homes from which they have come, and bless those who have given them to each other. We pray that Thou wouldst crown this day with Thy perpetual favour, giving these Thy servants the blessing which maketh rich and addeth no sorrow : in the Name of Jesus Christ.

Our Father which art in heaven, &c. *Amen.*

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Then shall the Minister read one or more of the following passages, saying :

Hear the Word of God:

Be ye therefore followers of God, as dear children, and walk in love as Christ also hath loved us.

Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the Church and gave Himself for it. Dwell with them according to knowledge, giving honour unto the wife as unto the weaker vessel, and as being heirs together of the grace of life.

Who can find a virtuous woman? Her price is far above rubies. The heart of her husband doth safely trust in her. Strength and honour are her clothing. She openeth her mouth with wisdom, and in her tongue is the law of kindness. She looketh well to the ways of her household. Favour is deceitful and beauty is vain; but a woman that feareth the Lord she shall be praised.

Bear ye one another's burdens, and so fulfil the law of Christ; forbearing one another, and forgiving one another.

Love suffereth long and is kind; seeketh not her own; is not easily provoked, thinketh no evil, beareth all things, believeth all things, hopeth all things, endureth all things.

As for me and my house, we will serve the Lord.

Whither thou goest I will go; and where thou lodgest I will lodge; thy people shall be my people, and thy God my God. The Lord do so to me, and more also, if aught but death part thee and me.

And the very God of peace sanctify you wholly; and I pray God your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of the Lord Jesus Christ.

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Here a Hymn may be sung, to be followed by the Benediction:

THE blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be upon you and remain with you for ever. *Amen.*

Thereafter the Register shall be signed.

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II

The persons to be married shall take their places before the Minister, the man having the woman on his left hand, all reverently standing. The Minister shall say :

DEARLY Beloved Brethren,
We are here gathered together, in the sight of God and in the face of this congregation, to join together this man and this woman in holy matrimony; which honourable estate was instituted by God Himself in the time of man's innocency; which was beautified and adorned with our Lord's presence and first miracle in Cana of Galilee; commended by St. Paul as honourable in all; and consecrated as signifying unto us the mystical union that is between Christ and His Church.

It is therefore not to be entered on lightly, nor unadvisedly, but thoughtfully, reverently, and in the fear of God, with due consideration of the reasons for which it was ordained, and the duties which it imposes.

These duties you find plainly set forth in God's Holy Word, wherein it is said:

Submit yourselves one to another in the fear of God. Wives, submit yourselves unto your own husbands, as unto the Lord. For the husband is

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the head of the wife, even as Christ is the head of the Church; and he is the saviour of the body. Therefore as the Church is subject unto Christ, so let the wives be to their own husbands in everything. Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the Church, and gave himself for it; that he might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the Word, that he might present it to himself a glorious Church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish. So ought men to love their wives as their own bodies. He that loveth his wife loveth himself. For no man ever yet hated his own flesh: but nourisheth and cherisheth it, even as the Lord the Church: for we are members of his body, of his flesh, and of his bones. For this cause shall a man leave his father and mother, and shall be joined unto his wife, and they two shall be one flesh. This is a great mystery: but I speak concerning Christ and the Church. Nevertheless let every one of you in particular so love his wife even as himself; and the wife see that she reverence her husband.

Into this holy estate this man and this woman are now come to be joined. Therefore, if any that be here present can shew any just cause why they may not lawfully be joined together, let him now declare the same.

Here the Minister shall speak to the persons that are there present to be married, in this wise:

I require and charge you both, as ye will answer at the day of judgment, when the secrets of all hearts shall be disclosed, that if either of you know any impediment why you may not be lawfully joined together in matrimony, ye confess it; for be ye well assured that so many as be coupled together

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otherwise than God's Word doth allow are not joined together by God, neither is their matrimony lawful.

If no impediment be alleged or confessed, the Minister shall say :

Let us pray.

ALMIGHTY God our heavenly Father, from whom cometh down every good and perfect gift, lift Thou the light of Thy countenance, we beseech Thee, upon us Thy children. May Thy blessing which maketh rich and addeth no sorrow rest upon these Thy servants who are now about to be united in holy matrimony according to Thine own institution and ordinance.

Grant that, acknowledging Thee and seeking to please Thee in this and all things, they may be exceeding glad with Thy countenance, and may enjoy Thy loving-kindness which is better than life : through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Thereafter, the man with his right hand taking the woman by her right hand, the Minister shall say :

Do you, M., take this woman to be your lawful wife; do you promise that you will be to her a loving and faithful husband; that you will honour and keep her in sickness and in health, in joy and in sorrow, in plenty and in want; keeping faith and troth toward her as the Word of God doth command, so long as you both shall live?

(Ans.)—I do.

Then the Minister, addressing the woman, shall say :

Do you, N., take this man to be your lawful husband; do you promise that you will be to him a loving and faithful wife; that you will honour and keep him in sickness and in health, in joy and in

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sorrow, in plenty and in want; keeping faith and troth toward him as the Word of God doth command, so long as you both shall live?

(Ans.)—I do.

A ring being provided, the man shall hand it to the Minister, who shall say :

Do you, M., give this ring in token of your loyalty to these vows?

(Ans.)—I do.

The Minister, addressing the woman, shall say :

Do you, N., receive this ring in token of the same?

(Ans.)—I do.

Then the Minister, returning the ring to the man, shall cause him to put it on the fourth finger of the woman's left hand. This done, the Minister shall say :

In token of fidelity to the vow you have taken this ring is given and received.

Thereafter, the man with his right hand taking the woman by her right hand, the Minister, placing his hand on their joined hands, shall say :

Forasmuch as you, M. and N., have covenanted together in holy wedlock before the face of God and in presence of this congregation : in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost I pronounce you to be married, husband and wife. What, therefore, God hath joined together let not man put asunder.

Then the Minister commendeth them to God, in these words or like in effect :

The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make His face shine upon you, and be gracious unto you; the Lord lift up His countenance upon you, and give you peace.

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Let us pray.

O GOD, the Author and Giver of all good things, who hast consecrated this estate of marriage and made it holy, let Thy blessing, we humbly beseech Thee, descend and rest upon these Thy servants, who have now been joined together in holy matrimony.

Grant unto them health, prosperity, and peace. May they dwell together in unity and love all the days of their life. And, above all things, we pray Thee to enrich their souls with Thy heavenly grace, that they may obey and serve Thee all their days, walking in the steps of Jesus Christ Thy Son; that finally, when the joys and sorrows, and all the good and evil of this passing world are ended, they may inherit Thy promises and be made partakers of eternal joy : through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Our Father which art in heaven, &c. *Amen.*

Here a Marriage Hymn may be sung, after which the Minister shall pronounce the Benediction :

THE peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of His Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be amongst you, and remain with you always. *Amen.*

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AN ORDER FOR THE BURIAL OF THE DEAD

When all are assembled in the house or the Church, the Minister shall begin the Service by reciting one or more Scripture Sentences, such as the following :

GOD is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

Like as a father pitieth his children, so the Lord pitieth them that fear Him. For He knoweth our frame; He remembereth that we are dust.

He will not cast off for ever; but though He cause grief, yet will He have compassion according to the multitude of His mercies.

Cast thy burden upon the Lord, and He shall sustain Thee.

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, which according to His abundant mercy hath begotten us again unto a lively hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, to an inheritance incorruptible, and undefiled, and that fadeth not away, reserved in heaven for you.

Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of His saints.

The Minister shall then say :

Let us pray.

FATHER of mercies and God of all comfort, whose will is sovereign and whose love is infinite : be pleased to help our infirmities by the succour of Thy Spirit in our time of trouble. And,

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for the sake of Thy dear Son, who Himself likewise was partaker of our flesh and blood, enable us so to hear Thy Word, that through patience and comfort of the Scriptures we may have hope; and that we may be raised above the shadows of mortality into the light of Thy countenance and the peace of Thy presence: through Him who died and rose again, even Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Then shall some of the following portions of Holy Scripture be read, at the discretion of the Minister, who shall say :

Hear the Word of God, written for our comfort and admonition.

Psalms xc. Lord, thou hast been our dwelling place in all generations.

Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever thou hadst formed the earth and the world, even from everlasting to everlasting thou art God.

Thou turnest man to destruction; and sayest, Return, ye children of men.

For a thousand years in thy sight are but as yesterday when it is past, and as a watch in the night.

Thou carriest them away as with a flood; they are as a sleep: in the morning they are like grass which groweth up.

In the morning it flourisheth, and groweth up; in the evening it is cut down, and withereth.

For we are consumed by thine anger, and by thy wrath are we troubled.

Thou hast set our iniquities before thee, our secret sins in the light of thy countenance.

For all our days are passed away in thy wrath: we spend our years as a tale that is told.

The days of our years are threescore years and ten; and if by reason of strength they be fourscore

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years, yet is their strength labour and sorrow; for it is soon cut off, and we fly away.

Who knoweth the power of thine anger? even according to thy fear, so is thy wrath.

So teach us to number our days, that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom.

Return, O Lord, how long? and let it repent thee concerning thy servants.

O satisfy us early with thy mercy; that we may rejoice and be glad all our days.

Make us glad according to the days wherein thou hast afflicted us, and the years wherein we have seen evil.

Let thy work appear unto thy servants, and thy glory unto their children.

And let the beauty of the Lord our God be upon us : and establish thou the work of our hands upon us ; yea, the work of our hands establish thou it.

Psalm xxxix. 4. Lord, make me to know mine end, and the measure of my days, what it is; that I may know how frail I am.

Behold, thou hast made my days as an hand-breadth; and mine age is as nothing before thee: verily every man at his best state is altogether vanity.

Surely every man walketh in a vain shew : surely they are disquieted in vain: he heapeth up riches, and knoweth not who shall gather them.

And now, Lord, what wait I for? my hope is in thee.

Deliver me from all my transgressions : make me not the reproach of the foolish.

I was dumb, I opened not my mouth; because thou didst it.

Remove thy stroke away from me : I am consumed by the blow of thine hand.

When thou with rebukes dost correct man for

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iniquity, thou makest his beauty to consume away like a moth: surely every man is vanity.

Hear my prayer, O Lord, and give ear unto my cry; hold not thy peace at my tears: for I am a stranger with thee, and a sojourner, as all my fathers were.

O spare me, that I may recover strength, before I go hence, and be no more.

Psalm xxiii. The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.

He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters.

He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.

Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

Psalm ciii. 13. Like as a father pitieth his children, so the Lord pitieth them that fear him.

For he knoweth our frame; he remembereth that we are dust.

As for man, his days are as grass: as a flower of the field, so he flourisheth.

For the wind passeth over it, and it is gone; and the place thereof shall know it no more.

But the mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting upon them that fear him, and his righteousness unto children's children.

St. John xiv. Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me.

In my Father's house are many mansions: if it

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were so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also.

1 *Cor. xv.* 20. Now is Christ risen from the dead, and become the firstfruits of them that slept. For since by man came death, by man came also the resurrection of the dead. For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive. But every man in his own order: Christ the firstfruits; afterward they that are Christ's at his coming. . . .

But some man will say, How are the dead raised up? and with what body do they come? Thou fool, that which thou sowest is not quickened except it die; and that which thou sowest, thou sowest not that body that shall be. . . . But God giveth it a body as it hath pleased him, and to every seed his own body. . . .

So also is the resurrection of the dead. It is sown in corruption; it is raised in incorruption. It is sown in dishonour; it is raised in glory. It is sown in weakness; it is raised in power. It is sown a natural body; it is raised a spiritual body. . . . Now this I say, brethren, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God; neither doth corruption inherit incorruption. . . . For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality. So when this corruptible shall have put on incorruption, and this mortal shall have put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written, Death is swallowed up in victory. O death, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory? The sting of death is sin; and the strength of sin is the law. But thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

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Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye stedfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord.

Rom. viii. 18, 35. I reckon that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us.

Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? As it is written, For thy sake we are killed all the day long; we are accounted as sheep for the slaughter. Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors, through him that loved us. For I am persuaded that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

1 Thess. iv. 13. I would not have you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning them which are asleep, that ye sorrow not, even as others which have no hope. For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also which sleep in Jesus will God bring with him.

Rev. xxi. 2 ; xxii. 3. I John saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a great voice out of heaven saying, Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and he will dwell with them, and they shall be his people, and God himself shall be with them, and be their God. And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither

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shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away. . . . And there shall be no more curse: but the throne of God and of the Lamb shall be in it; and his servants shall serve him: and they shall see his face; and his name shall be in their foreheads. And there shall be no night there; and they need no candle, neither light of the sun; for the Lord God giveth them light: and they shall reign for ever and ever.

At the Burial of a Child.

He shall feed his flock like a shepherd: he shall gather the lambs with his arm, and shall carry them in his bosom.

2 Sam. xii. 16. David besought God for the child; and David fasted, and went in, and lay all night upon the earth. And the elders of his house arose, and went to him, to raise him up from the earth: but he would not, neither did he eat bread with them. And it came to pass on the seventh day, that the child died. And the servants of David feared to tell him that the child was dead: for they said, Behold, while the child was yet alive, we spake unto him, and he would not hearken unto our voice: how will he then vex himself, if we tell him that the child is dead? But when David saw that his servants whispered, David perceived that the child was dead: therefore David said unto his servants, Is the child dead? And they said, He is dead. Then David arose from the earth, and washed, and anointed himself, and changed his apparel, and came into the house of the Lord, and worshipped: then he came to his own house; and when he required, they set bread before him, and he did eat. Then said his servants unto him, What thing is this that thou hast done? thou didst fast and

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weep for the child, while it was alive; but when the child was dead, thou didst rise and eat bread. And he said, While the child was yet alive, I fasted and wept: for I said, Who can tell whether God will be gracious to me, that the child may live? But now he is dead, wherefore should I fast? Can I bring him back again? I shall go to him, but he shall not return to me.

St. Mark x. 13. They brought young children to him, that he should touch them; and his disciples rebuked those that brought them. But when Jesus saw it, he was much displeased, and said unto them, Suffer the little children to come unto me, and forbid them not: for of such is the kingdom of God. Verily I say unto you, Who-soever shall not receive the kingdom of God as a little child, he shall not enter therein. And he took them up in his arms, put his hands upon them, and blessed them.

St. Matt. xviii. 1. At the same time came the disciples unto Jesus, saying, Who is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven? And Jesus called a little child unto him, and set him in the midst of them, and said, Verily I say unto you, Except ye be converted, and become as little children, ye shall not enter into the kingdom of heaven. . . . Take heed that ye despise not one of these little ones; for I say unto you, That in heaven their angels do always behold the face of my Father which is in heaven. . . . Even so it is not the will of your Father which is in heaven that one of these little ones should perish.

At the Burial of an Aged Person.

Thou shalt come to thy grave in a full age, like as a shock of corn cometh in in his season.

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The hoary head is a crown of glory, if it be found in the way of righteousness.

I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith. Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness.

The reading from Holy Scripture may end with one of the following sentences :

The Lord gave, and the Lord hath taken away; blessed be the Name of the Lord.

For me to live is Christ, and to die is gain. . . . To depart, and to be with Christ, which is far better.

Let your loins be girded about, and your lights burning.

Blessed be God, even the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies, and the God of all comfort; who comforteth us in all our tribulation, that we may be able to comfort them which are in any trouble by the comfort wherewith we ourselves are comforted of God.

Here may be sung a Psalm or Hymn.

Then may follow one or more of these prayers, the Minister using such as are most appropriate :

Let us pray.

A General Prayer.

ALMIGHTY and most merciful God, who knowest our frame and rememberest that we are dust: look in Thy great compassion upon us, whom Thou hast brought into the presence of sorrow, and under the dark shadow of death. In the silence of this hour speak to us of eternal things; and when our spirits sink before the mystery of life and of death,

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comfort us with the assurance that neither life nor death can ever separate us from Thy love, which is in Jesus Christ our Lord.

God of the spirits of all flesh, most humbly and heartily we thank Thee to-day for the great hope of eternal life which Thou hast given us in the Gospel of Thy dear Son, Jesus Christ, and confirmed unto us by His glorious resurrection from the grave; for His promises to them that fall asleep in Him, and who are for ever with Him; for the revelation of that world where there is no more pain, and where parting is unknown; and for the assurance that in our Father's house are many mansions, and that those who sleep in Jesus the Lord will bring with Him. Cheered by these hopes, we would commit our beloved dead into Thy holy and most merciful keeping, believing that, though we see them no more, they are safe with Thee: that they rest from their labours and their works do follow them: through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Prayer for the Bereaved.

O HEAVENLY Father, whose blessed Son Jesus Christ did weep at the grave of Lazarus: look, we beseech Thee, with compassion upon those who are now in sorrow and affliction; comfort them, O Lord, with Thy gracious consolations; make them to know that all things work together for good to them that love Thee; and grant them evermore sure trust and confidence in Thy fatherly care: through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Or this :

ALMIGHTY and most merciful God, the consolation of the sorrowful, look down in love and pity, we beseech Thee, upon Thy servants, whose joy is turned into mourning; so that, while they

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mourn, they may not murmur, but, remembering all Thy mercies, Thy promises, and Thy love in Christ, may resign themselves into Thy hands to be taught and disciplined by Thee: through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Or this :

O LORD Jesus Christ, who Thyself didst weep beside the grave, and art touched with the feeling of our sorrows: fulfil now Thy promise that Thou wilt not leave Thy people comfortless, but wilt come to them. Reveal Thyself unto Thine afflicted servants, and cause them to hear Thee saying, I am the Resurrection and the Life. Help them, O Lord, to turn to Thee with true discernment, and to abide in Thee through living faith; that, finding now the comfort of Thy presence, they may have also a sure confidence in Thee for all that is to come, until the day break and the shadows flee away. Hear us for Thy mercy's sake. *Amen.*

Here may be introduced such special prayers or petitions as are proper to the occasion.

A Prayer for All.

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, we beseech Thee to have mercy on all now before Thee. We humbly entreat Thee that, with true penitence of heart, we may receive aright the warnings of Thy Providence; remembering that, at an hour when we think not, we may be called to appear before Thy presence.

O merciful Father, suffer none of us to live without Thee and without hope in the world; but constrain us by Thy love that, renewed by Thy grace, we may walk before Thee in newness of life.

Deliver us from the power of sin, and the fear of

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death; and grant that, whensoever our call may come, we may depart in peace, to rise again in glory, through the might and merits of Jesus Christ, to whom with Thee, and the Holy Ghost, we would ascribe all glory and praise world without end. *Amen.*

Or this :

O GOD, whose days are without end, and whose mercies cannot be numbered: make us, we beseech Thee, deeply sensible of the shortness and uncertainty of human life; and let Thy Holy Spirit lead us in holiness and righteousness all our days: that, when we shall have served Thee in our generation, we may be gathered unto our fathers, having the testimony of a good conscience; in the communion of Thy Son's Church; in the confidence of a certain faith; in the comfort of a sure, reasonable, and holy hope; in favour with Thee, our God, and in perfect charity with all men. Grant this, we beseech Thee, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Remembrance of the Departed.

WE remember, O Lord, with thanksgiving, all those who have faithfully lived and peacefully died, and are departed in the hope of Resurrection to Eternal Life; especially those most dear to us, who have made the unseen world a home for our hearts. In that place of light perpetual whence sorrow and mourning are far banished, Thou wilt give them rest, O Lord, the Lover of men.

And to us who remain give the spirit of happiness, and the peace which comes from living close to our dear ones, through being one in Thee; until the time come that we meet together in Thy kingdom, and death is swallowed up in victory: through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

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OUR Father which art in heaven, hallowed be Thy Name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: for Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

At the Grave.

When the body has been brought to the grave, the Minister shall recite one or more of the sentences here following :

I am the resurrection and the life, saith the Lord; he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live: and whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die.

Man that is born of a woman is of few days, and full of trouble. He cometh forth like a flower, and is cut down: he fleeth also as a shadow, and continueth not. We brought nothing into this world, and it is certain we can carry nothing out.

Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.

Fear not; I am the first and the last: I am he that liveth and was dead; and, behold, I am alive for evermore, and I have the keys of hell and of death.

For we know that, if our earthly house of this tabernacle were dissolved, we have a building of God, an house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.

The body being laid in the grave, the Minister shall say:

FORASMUCH as it has pleased Almighty God to take unto Himself the soul of our *brother* departed (or, this child), we therefore commit *his* body to the

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ground; Earth to earth, ashes to ashes, dust to dust; in sure and certain hope of the resurrection of the dead, through our Lord Jesus Christ; who shall change our corruptible body, that it may be fashioned like unto His glorious body, according to the mighty working whereby He is able even to subdue all things unto Himself.¹

I heard a voice from heaven saying unto me, Write, From henceforth blessed are the dead which die in the Lord: even so, saith the Spirit; for they rest from their labours.

Let us pray.

ALMIGHTY God, who by the death of Thy dear Son Jesus Christ hast destroyed death, by His rest in the tomb hast sanctified the graves of the saints, and by His glorious resurrection hast brought life and immortality to light: receive, we beseech Thee, our unfeigned thanks for that victory over death and the grave which He hath obtained for us and for all who sleep in Him; and keep us in everlasting fellowship with all that wait for Thee on earth, and with all that are around Thee in heaven; in union with Him who is the resurrection and the life, who liveth and reigneth with Thee, and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. *Amen.*

Or this :

ALMIGHTY God, Our heavenly Father, who, in Thy perfect wisdom and mercy, hast ended for Thy servants departed the voyage of this troublous life: grant, we beseech Thee, that we

¹ *At the burial of the dead at sea, instead of the words, We therefore commit his body to the ground . . . dust to dust, may be said, We therefore commit his body to the deep, looking for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come, through our Lord Jesus Christ.*

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who are still to continue our course amidst earthly dangers, temptations, and troubles, may evermore be protected by Thy mercy, and finally come to the haven of eternal salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Or this :

ALMIGHTY God, with whom do live the spirits of them that depart hence in the Lord, and with whom the souls of the faithful, after they are delivered from the burden of the flesh, are in joy and felicity: we praise and magnify Thy holy Name for all Thy servants who have finished their course and kept the faith; beseeching Thee that it may please Thee, of Thy gracious goodness, shortly to accomplish the number of Thine elect, and to hasten Thy kingdom; that we, with all those who are departed in the true faith of Thy Holy Name, may have our perfect consummation and bliss, both in body and soul, in Thy eternal and everlasting glory: through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Or this :

OMERCIFUL God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who is the resurrection and the life; in whom whosoever believeth shall live, though he die; and whosoever liveth and believeth in Him shall not die eternally; who also hath taught us, by His holy apostle St. Paul, not to be sorry, as men without hope, for them that sleep in Him: we meekly beseech Thee, O Father, to raise us from the death of sin unto the life of righteousness; that, when we shall depart this life, we may rest in Him; and that, at the general resurrection in the last day, we may be found acceptable in Thy sight, and receive that blessing which Thy well-beloved Son shall then pronounce to all that love and fear Thee,

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saying, 'Come, ye blessed children of my Father, receive the kingdom prepared for you from the beginning of the world.' Grant this, we beseech Thee, O merciful Father, through Jesus Christ, our Mediator and Redeemer. *Amen.*

Or this :

SPIRIT of grace and benediction, Father of Jesus Christ and our Father, Creator of these dying bodies and the Life of these undying souls: help us to rise above the earthly to the heavenly; with Christ dying unto sin and living only unto Thee; and from the light of a true life here passing at length into that Presence where there is fulness of joy and peace evermore.

Grant us this, O Father, we beseech Thee, for Jesus Christ's sake. *Amen.*

See also Prayer (7) in the Order for the Visitation of the Sick.

At the Burial of a Child.

O LORD Jesus Christ, who didst take little children into Thine arms and bless them: open Thou our eyes, we beseech Thee, that we may perceive that Thou hast now taken this child into the arms of Thy love, and hast bestowed upon *him* the blessings of Thy gracious favour; who livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end. *Amen.*

The Benediction.

NOW the God of peace, that brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do His will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in His sight, through Jesus Christ: to whom be glory for ever and ever. *Amen.*

AN ORDER FOR THE LICENSING OF CANDIDATES TO PREACH THE GOSPEL

At the time appointed, the Presbytery being constituted, the Candidates to preach the Gospel shall take their places before the Moderator of Presbytery presiding, who shall call upon all to stand, and shall read the following Scripture sentences:

Praise waiteth for Thee, O God, in Zion: and unto Thee shall the vow be performed.

Blessed is the man whom Thou choosest, and causest to approach unto Thee, that he may dwell in Thy courts; we shall be satisfied with the goodness of Thy house, even of Thy holy temple.

The harvest truly is plenteous, but the labourers are few. Pray ye, therefore, the Lord of the harvest, that He will send forth labourers into His harvest.

The Moderator shall then call upon all to bow down, and shall say :

Let us pray for the increase of the Ministry, for the Church and its welfare, and for the conversion of the world to Christ:

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, who hast founded a Church for Thyself, and hast promised to dwell in it for ever, increase, we beseech Thee, the faith and zeal of all Thy people, that they may more earnestly desire, and more diligently seek, the salvation of their fellow-men, through the message of Thy love in Jesus Christ

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our Lord. Send forth a solemn call unto Thy servants to preach Thy Word, and multiply the number of those who labour in the Gospel: granting unto them the power of the Holy Ghost. Enlighten and sanctify, we beseech Thee, by Thy Word and Spirit, all those who seek to serve in the Ministry of the Gospel, enabling them to look to the great bishop and shepherd of our souls.

O God, who hast built Thy Church on the foundation of Apostles and Prophets, Jesus Christ being Himself the chief corner-stone: grant that, by the power of the Holy Spirit, all Christians may be so joined together in the unity of the Spirit and in the bond of peace that they may be an holy temple, acceptable unto Thee, and that men shall ever be raised up to serve their generation and to seek the kingdom of God and His righteousness.

O God, who hast made of one blood all nations of men to dwell on the face of the whole earth, and who didst send Thy Son to preach peace to them that are afar off and to them that are nigh: grant that all men everywhere may seek after Thee and find Thee through Him that came to seek and to save the lost: through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Then the Moderator shall say :

BRETHREN in Christ: God by His Holy Spirit calls men to serve Him according to the gifts bestowed upon them; and some He chooses to serve Him in preaching the Gospel of His grace. He has given commandment unto His Church, not only to pray for the increase of the Ministry, but also to prove and try those who seek this sacred office. Therefore it is fitting that those who desire to give themselves to this Ministry should have

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opportunity to make trial of their gifts. The oversight of these matters is committed to the Presbytery, which is to examine each candidate in regard to his religious experience, his motives in seeking the Ministry, as well as his learning. The Presbytery, having made such examination and being thereby persuaded of the fitness of A., B., C., will now proceed to license them as preachers of the Gospel as soon as they shall have satisfactorily answered the questions appointed by the Church.

(1)¹ Do you believe the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments to be the Word of God, and the only infallible rule of faith and manners?

(Ans.)—I do.

(2) Do you believe the Westminster Confession of Faith, as adopted by this Church in the Basis of Union, to be founded on and agreeable to the Word of God, and in your teaching do you promise faithfully to adhere thereto?

(Ans.)—I do.

(3) Do you believe the government of this Church by Sessions, Presbyteries, Synods, and General Assemblies, to be founded on and agreeable to the Word of God, and do you engage as a Minister of this Church to maintain and defend the same?

(Ans.)—I do.

(4) Do you own the purity of worship at present authorized by this Church, and do you undertake to conform thereto?

(Ans.)—I do.

¹ Cf. the form authorized for use in 'The Designation of Missionaries' (p. 188)—Do you believe the Word of God contained in the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments to be the only infallible rule of faith and duty?

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(5) Do you engage, in the strength and grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, to live a holy and circumspect life, and faithfully to preach the Gospel as you may have opportunity?

(Ans.)—I do.

(6) Do you promise to submit yourself in the Lord to the several courts of this Church?

(Ans.)—I do.

The Moderator, other members of Presbytery and Candidates standing, shall say :

In the Name of the Lord Jesus Christ, the only King and Head of the Church, and by authority of this Presbytery, I license you to preach the Gospel within its bounds or wherever God in His providence may order your lot.

Here the Moderator may take the Candidates severally by the right hand, and pronounce a blessing upon them ; and he shall then say :

Let us pray.

O God, the Father eternal, who hast made Thy risen and ever-glorious Son, Jesus Christ, Head over all things to Thy Church : endue these Thy servants, whom we bless in Thy Name, with the sevenfold gifts of Thy Holy Spirit. Enrich them with all knowledge and utterance, and fill them, we beseech Thee, with the wisdom and gentleness of Christ, that they may be wise in winning souls and in turning many to righteousness. Make them guides to the blind and to them that are out of the way ; succourers of the oppressed, and helpers of the poor and needy, that they may be followers of the Good Shepherd, who gave His life for the sheep. And finally we pray Thee to grant that all to whom they shall minister Thy word may be stablished in

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righteousness, and kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation. We beseech Thee to hear us, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Our Father which art in heaven, &c. *Amen.*

Then may be sung an appropriate Psalm or Hymn, followed by the Benediction:

THE grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Ghost, be with you all. *Amen.*

AN ORDER FOR ORDINATION TO THE HOLY MINISTRY

At the time appointed for the Ordination, the Presbytery shall meet in a convenient room of the Church, and shall be constituted with prayer by the Moderator.

Members of Presbytery, together with the Candidate for Ordination, shall enter the Church in order and proceed to their appointed places. It is proper for the Candidate to be seated in front of the Communion Table.

Divine Service shall be celebrated according to the usual order, the Moderator of the Presbytery, or other Minister chosen thereby, presiding. The Service and the Sermon shall be as brief as may be conveniently arranged, that due time be allowed for the Act of Ordination.

The Sermon, on the office and duty of Ministers of Christ and on how the people ought to receive them for their work's sake, being ended, the Minister presiding shall give a prepared narrative of the steps taken by the Presbytery to fill the vacancy in the pastorate of the Congregation (or other office named), ending with words to this effect :

ALL these things having been done according to the law and usage of the Church, the Presbytery will now proceed to ordain A. B. to the Holy Ministry, and to induct him into the pastoral charge of this Congregation (or other office named).

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Here the Candidate for Ordination shall present himself before the presiding Minister, who, addressing him, shall say :

We exhort you, in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, that you have in remembrance into how high a dignity and to how weighty an office and charge you are called. Having this in mind, and to the end that your faith and integrity of purpose may appear to all, you are now to give answer sincerely to the following questions ordained by the Church:

(1)¹ Do you believe the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments to be the Word of God, and the only infallible rule of faith and manners?

(Ans.)—I do.

(2) Do you believe the Westminster Confession of Faith, as adopted by this Church in the Basis of Union, to be founded on and agreeable to the Word of God, and in your teaching do you promise faithfully to adhere thereto?

(Ans.)—I do.

(3) Do you believe the government of this Church by Sessions, Presbyteries, Synods, and General Assemblies, to be founded on and agreeable to the Word of God, and do you engage as a Minister of this Church to maintain and defend the same?

(Ans.)—I do.

(4) Do you own the purity of worship at present authorized by this Church, and do you undertake to conform thereto?

(Ans.)—I do.

¹ Cf. the form authorized for use in 'The Designation of Missionaries' (p. 188)—Do you believe the Word of God contained in the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments to be the only infallible rule of faith and duty?

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(5) Do you promise to give a dutiful attendance in the Courts of this Church, to submit yourself in the spirit of meekness to the admonitions of this Presbytery, to be subject to it and the superior Courts, to follow no divisive course, but maintain according to your power the unity and peace of the Church?

(Ans.)—I do.

(6) Are zeal for the glory of God, love to the Lord Jesus Christ, and desire of saving souls, so far as you know your own heart, your great motives and chief inducements to enter the office of the ministry?

(Ans.)—They are.

(7) Have you directly or indirectly used any undue means to procure this call?

(Ans.)—I have not.

(8) Do you engage, in the strength and grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, to live a holy and circumspect life, to rule well your own house, and faithfully and diligently to discharge all the duties of the ministry to the edification of the body of Christ?

(Ans.)—I do.

Thereupon shall the Minister say :

Almighty God accept and bless thee, and pour down upon thee the benediction of His quickening Spirit, that those things which thou hast purposed in thy heart thou mayest be enabled to fulfil, to the glory of His Holy Name and the edifying of His Church.

Then the Minister may say to the Congregation, calling upon them to stand :

Dear Brethren of the Congregation,—Inasmuch as this solemn act involves obligations on your part, I ask you before God:

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Do you declare anew your loyalty to the Church of the living God, and to Jesus Christ as the only King and Head thereof? Do you, in the Name of the Lord, receive His servant, our brother, to be your Minister in holy things? Do you promise to receive the words of truth from his lips with meekness and love; to labour with him in faith and prayer for the honour of Christ and the welfare of men, and to maintain and strengthen him in his ministry?

(Ans.)—We do.

Then may be sung ‘Come, Holy Ghost, our souls inspire’, or other Hymn of supplication for the presence of the Holy Spirit.

The Hymn being ended, the Candidate shall kneel, and, the Presbyters standing about him, the Moderator shall say :

Since no man is of himself sufficient for these things, let us call upon God in prayer.

Let us pray.

ALmighty and most merciful Father, who of Thine infinite goodness hast given Thine only Son Jesus Christ to be our Redeemer and the Author of eternal life; and hast exalted Him unto Thy right hand, from whence, according to Thy will, He hath sent down the Holy Ghost and given gifts unto men: send down, we pray Thee, the Holy Ghost upon this Thy servant, whom, in Thy Name and in obedience to Thy most blessed will, we now, by the laying on of hands,

(Here the presiding Minister and Presbyters shall lay their hands on the head of the Candidate.)

ordain and set apart to the Ministry of the Word and Sacraments (and induct into the pastoral charge of this Congregation, or other office named).

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We entreat Thee to grant unto Thy servant, to whom this sacred trust is now committed, such fulness of grace as shall fit him more and more for the work to which he has been called. Give him utterance, that he may boldly make known Thy word and will, and grace faithfully to dispense the mysteries and Sacraments of the Gospel. Endue him with wisdom and zeal to rule aright the people over whom Thou hast set him, and to preserve them in peace and purity, so that Thy Church, under his administration and example, may increase in grace and holiness. Strengthen him by Thy Spirit, that he may abide steadfast to the end, and be received, with all Thy faithful servants, into the joy of his Lord.

O God, give grace, we beseech Thee, to these Thy people to whom Thy servant is to minister in holy things, that they may be enlightened by divine truth, edified by the Ministry of the Word, quickened by the Spirit of Life, established in all holy living, guided into manifold Christian labours, and used for the furtherance of the Saviour's kingdom. May both Minister and People be kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation.

OUR Father which art in heaven, hallowed be Thy Name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: for Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

NOW unto Him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us, unto Him be glory in the Church by Jesus Christ throughout all ages, world without end. *Amen.*

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Prayer being ended, the newly ordained Minister shall rise, and the presiding Minister, addressing him, shall say :

In the Name of the Lord Jesus Christ, the only King and Head of the Church, and by authority of this Presbytery, I invite you to take part with us in this ministry, and admit you to all the rights and privileges thereto pertaining.

Then the members of the Presbytery shall give him the right hand of fellowship, the presiding Minister saying :

We give you the right hand of fellowship to take part with us in this Ministry.

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Ghost be with you. *Amen.*

An appropriate Psalm or Hymn may then be sung. Thereafter the Minister presiding, or any other Minister chosen by the Presbytery, shall briefly address suitable exhortations to the newly ordained Minister and the Congregation, using such words as follows :

MY Brother and Fellow-servant in Christ,—Take heed unto thyself and unto all the flock over which the Holy Spirit doth make thee overseer. Love Christ, and feed His sheep. Be an example to believers in spirit, in word, in conduct, in charity, in faith, in purity. Give attendance to reading, to exhortation, to teaching. Neglect not the gift that is in thee. Meditate on these things; give thyself wholly to them, that thy profiting may appear to all. Take heed unto the doctrine, and continue steadfast therein. Bear patiently all hardship as a good soldier of the Lord Jesus Christ; for in doing this thou shalt both save thyself and those that hear thee. And, when the Chief Shepherd

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shall appear, thou shalt receive a crown of glory that fadeth not away.

And now, beloved Brethren of this Congregation, you have heard the solemn vows which your Minister hath taken upon him; you have heard the obligations which have been laid upon him as set to be the Lord's Minister to you. We do, therefore, the more earnestly and affectionately exhort and entreat you on your part to reverence and uphold him as your Minister in the Lord, placed over you by the Lord Jesus Christ to lead and guide you according to His will.

Wait on the Word and the ordinances which he hath been ordained to minister, as being the word and ordinances of Christ Jesus. Seek the blessing and counsel of the Lord at his hands. Judge not the faithfulness of the Lord, at any time, by the unworthiness and weakness of His servant. Uphold him by your love and service. Grudge not your tithes and offerings for the provision of the Lord's house. Ceaselessly remember your Minister in your prayers, and entreat for him and for yourselves the outpouring of the Holy Ghost, that it may be given to you to know what the will of the Lord is, and to fulfil it while the day of grace abides: so that, at the appearing of the Lord Jesus, you may all, pastor and people, be presented by Him before the presence of the Father, a glorious flock, in the unity of the one body, holy and unspotted, with exceeding joy: through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, unto whom, with the Father and the Holy Ghost, be all honour and glory, might, majesty, dominion and power, now, henceforth, and for ever. *Amen.*

The exhortation being ended, a Psalm or Hymn

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may be sung. The Minister presiding shall then pronounce the Benediction:

NOW the God of peace, that brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do His will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in His sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory for ever and ever. *Amen.*

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The Scripture lessons and the sermon should be so ordered as to concentrate the thoughts and affections of the people on the special purpose for which the Service is held.

After the Benediction the Presbytery resumes its meeting in the vestry, and enters the name of the Minister ordained on the roll of its members.

AN ORDER FOR THE INDUCTION OF A MINISTER

At the time appointed for the Induction, the Presbytery shall meet in a convenient room of the Church, and shall be constituted with prayer by the Moderator.

Members of Presbytery, together with the Minister-elect, shall enter the Church in order and proceed to their appointed places. It is proper for the Minister-elect to be seated in front of the Communion Table.

Divine Service shall be celebrated according to the usual order, the Moderator of the Presbytery or other Minister chosen thereby, presiding. The Service and the Sermon shall be as brief as may be conveniently arranged, that due time be allowed for the Act of Induction.

The Sermon, on the office and duty of Ministers of Christ, and on how the people ought to receive them for their work's sake, being ended, the Minister presiding shall give a prepared narrative of the steps taken by the Presbytery to fill the vacancy in the pastorate of the Congregation (or other office named), ending with words to this effect:

ALL these things having been done according to the law and usage of the Church, the Presbytery will now proceed to induct the Minister-elect into the pastoral charge of this Congregation (or other office named).

Here the Minister-elect shall present himself before the presiding Minister, and shall answer the questions appointed.

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To the end that your faith and integrity of purpose may appear to all, you are now to give answer to the following questions ordained by the Church.

(1)¹ Do you believe the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments to be the Word of God, and the only infallible rule of faith and manners?

(Ans.)—I do.

(2) Do you believe the Westminster Confession of Faith, as adopted by this Church in the Basis of Union, to be founded on and agreeable to the Word of God, and in your teaching do you promise faithfully to adhere thereto?

(Ans.)—I do.

(3) Do you believe the government of this Church by Sessions, Presbyteries, Synods, and General Assemblies to be founded on and agreeable to the Word of God, and do you engage as a Minister of this Church to maintain and defend the same?

(Ans.)—I do.

(4) Do you own the purity of worship at present authorized by this Church, and do you undertake to conform thereto?

(Ans.)—I do.

(5) Do you promise to give a dutiful attendance in the Courts of this Church, to submit yourself in the spirit of meekness to the admonitions of this Presbytery, to be subject to it and the superior Courts, to follow no divisive course, but maintain according to your power the unity and peace of the Church?

(Ans.)—I do.

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(6) Are zeal for the glory of God, love to the Lord Jesus Christ, and desire of saving souls, so far as you know your own heart, your great motives and chief inducements to continue in the office of the ministry?

(Ans.)—They are.

(7) Have you directly or indirectly used any undue means to procure this call?

(Ans.)—I have not.

(8) Do you engage, in the strength and grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, to live a holy and circumspect life, to rule well your own house, and faithfully and diligently to discharge all the duties of the ministry to the edification of the body of Christ?

(Ans.)—I do.

Thereupon shall the Minister presiding say:

Almighty God accept and bless thee, and pour down upon thee His quickening Spirit, that those things which thou hast purposed in thy heart thou mayest be enabled to fulfil, to the glory of His Holy Name and the edifying of His Church.

Then the presiding Minister, calling on the Congregation to stand, may put to them the following questions:

BELOVED Brethren of this Congregation,
Inasmuch as this solemn Act involves obligations on your part, I ask you before God—

Do you declare anew your loyalty to the Church of the living God, and to Jesus Christ as the only King and Head thereof? Do you, in the Name of the Lord, receive His servant, our brother, to be your Minister in holy things? Do you promise to receive the words of truth from his lips with meekness and love; to labour with him in faith and prayer

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for the honour of Christ and the welfare of men; and to maintain and strengthen him in his ministry?

(*Ans.*)—We do.

Then, the Congregation reverently bowing down, the Minister shall say :

Since no man is sufficient for these things, let us call upon God in prayer.

Here shall follow either (a) the Prayer of Institution in the Order for the Ordination of Ministers (above), omitting mention of the laying on of hands and of Ordination to the Ministry—Almighty and most merciful Father, who of Thine infinite goodness, &c.

or, instead thereof, (b) the following Prayer of Induction:

Let us pray.

O LORD, who hast so loved Thy Church that for the redemption of the same Thou didst humble Thyself to the death of the cross: look upon us mercifully, Thou that art prophet, priest, and king to Thine own flock, and send unto this our brother, whom in Thy Name we charge with this office, such enduement of Thy Holy Spirit as thereby he may rightly divide the word of truth to the instruction of Thy people, boldly proclaim Thy Gospel, and wisely guide and lead the flock Thou hast given to his care. May they be fed in the most wholesome pastures of Thy most holy Word. And finally may the knowledge of Thee so increase among them that they may daily grow in godliness and obedience to Thy most holy will.

God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hast commanded the Gospel to be preached unto all men, and who hast called Thy servant to the office appointed to him: multiply Thy graces unto

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him, illumine him with the Holy Spirit, comfort and strengthen him with all virtue, govern and guide his ministry to the praise of Thy Holy Name, to the propagation of Christ's kingdom, to the comfort of His Church, and finally to the plain discharge and assurance of his own conscience in the day of the Lord Jesus: to whom, with the Father and the Holy Ghost, be all honour, praise, and glory, now and ever. *Amen.*

Then shall the Minister presiding say :

IN the Name of the Lord Jesus Christ, the only King and Head of the Church, and by the authority of this Presbytery, I induct you into the pastoral charge of this Congregation (or other office named), and admit you to all the rights and privileges thereto pertaining.

Then shall the members of Presbytery give the newly inducted Minister the right hand of fellowship, the presiding Minister saying :

We give you the right hand of fellowship, to take part with us in this ministry.

An appropriate Psalm or Hymn may then be sung.

Thereafter suitable Exhortations shall be given to the inducted Minister and the Congregation, after the manner set forth in the Order for Ordination:

My Brother and Fellow-servant in Christ,—Take heed unto thyself and unto all the flock over which the Holy Spirit doth make thee overseer. . . . (as on p. 172.)

The Service shall close with the singing of a Psalm or Hymn or Doxology, and the Benediction:

NOW the God of peace, that brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting

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covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do His will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in His sight, through Jesus Christ: to whom be glory for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Directory Notes.

The Scripture lessons and the Sermon should be so ordered as to concentrate the thoughts and affections of the people on the special purpose for which the Service is held.

After the Benediction the Presbytery resumes its meeting in the vestry, and enters the name of the Minister inducted on the roll of its members.

AN ORDER FOR THE ORDINATION OR ADMISSION OF ELDERS

Divine Service shall be celebrated according to the usual order. The following are appropriate readings from Holy Scripture : Exodus 18. 13 ff. and 1 Corinthians 12.

After the Sermon the persons to be ordained as Elders being seated in front of the Communion Table, the Minister, as Moderator of Session, shall briefly narrate the steps taken with a view to the selection of Elders.

The Minister shall then address the Congregation as follows :

DEARLY Beloved Brethren,
Since you have expressed your desire to have A., B., C., &c., appointed Elders of this Congregation, and since the Session are persuaded of their good character and fitness for the office, it now becomes my duty publicly to set apart the said A., B., C., to this office and receive them as members of the Session of this Congregation.

As in the Old Testament the Elders exercised an honourable office of government among the people of God, so also in the New Testament the Apostle ordained Elders in every church: commanding that they that rule well be counted worthy of double honour, especially those who labour in the Word and doctrine.

The Church has from the beginning included in her government not only Ministers and Pastors, who are to preach the Gospel and administer the Sacraments in the Name of Christ and as His

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representatives; but also ruling Elders chosen by the people to represent them, and to be joined with Pastors and Ministers in the exercise of government and discipline in the Church.

The duties of these Elders are more particularly:

To set the example of a virtuous and religious life, of regular attendance at public worship, and diligent support of the work of the Congregation;

To take part with the Minister in administering the discipline of the Congregation;

And to represent their brethren in Presbyteries, Synods, and General Assemblies, when commissioned thereto.

Then addressing the Elders-elect, who shall stand, the Minister shall put the following questions:

(1)¹ Do you believe the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments to be the Word of God, and the only infallible rule of faith and duty?

(Ans.)—I do.

(2) Do you accept the fundamental doctrines of the Christian faith contained in the Confession of Faith of this Church?

(Ans.)—I do.

(3) Do you approve of the worship and government of this Church, and promise to adhere thereto?

(Ans.)—I do.

Or these :

(1)¹ Do you believe the Scriptures of the Old and

¹ Cf. *the form authorized for use in* 'The Designation of Missionaries' (p. 188)—Do you believe the Word of God contained in the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments to be the only infallible rule of faith and duty?

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New Testaments to be the Word of God, and the only infallible rule of faith and manners?

(Ans.)—I do.

(2) Do you believe the ~~Westminster~~ Confession of Faith, as adopted by this Church in the Basis of Union, to be founded on and agreeable to the Word of God, and do you promise faithfully to adhere thereto?

(Ans.)—I do.

(3) Do you believe the government of this Church by Sessions, Presbyteries, Synods, and General Assemblies, to be founded on and agreeable to the Word of God, and do you engage as a Ruling Elder of this Church to maintain and defend the same?

(Ans.)—I do.

(4) Do you own the purity of worship at present authorized by this Church, and do you undertake to conform thereto?

(Ans.)—I do.

(5) In accepting the office of Elder, do you engage, in the strength and grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, faithfully and diligently to perform the duties thereof; watching over the flock of which you are called to be an overseer, and in all things shewing yourself to be a pattern of good works?

(Ans.)—I do.

Then the Minister, calling upon the Congregation to stand, may put to them the following questions:

Do you, the members of this Congregation, acknowledge and receive these brethren as ruling Elders; and do you promise to yield them all honour, encouragement and obedience in the Lord

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to which their office, according to the Word of God and the constitution of this Church, entitles them?

(*Ans.*)—We do.

The Minister shall then proceed to set apart the Elders-elect to their office by Prayer, saying:

Let us pray.

ALMIGHTY God, who of Thy goodness dost by the inspiration of Thy Spirit rule the Church of Jesus Christ our Lord, and hast appointed therein the ministry of faithful men to guide and guard Thy flock: set apart, we beseech Thee, O Lord, these Thy servants to the work whereunto they have been called. Endue them plenteously with heavenly wisdom. Grant them Thy grace, that they may be good men, full of faith and of the Holy Ghost, ruling in the fear of God. Give them favour and influence with Thy people. May they adorn in their lives the doctrine of Thy Son, and be vigilant, wise, and loving in the fulfilment of their office. Make them faithful unto death; and, when the Chief Shepherd shall appear, may they receive a crown of glory that fadeth not away: through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Then the Minister shall say:

IN the Name of the Lord Jesus Christ, and by authority committed to me in His Church, I hereby declare you duly set apart to the office of Ruling Elder; and may the blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, rest upon you and abide with you always. *Amen.*

I now charge you, in the Name of the Lord Jesus, to be faithful to this your office.

I also charge you, the members of this Congregation, to be faithful to these Elders who have been

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chosen to rule over you in the Lord; and that you render them all due obedience, co-operation, and support, and follow them as they follow Christ.

Here the members of Session may give the newly ordained or inducted Elders the right hand of fellowship, or, if thought desirable, this may be deferred until after the Service, when the Session is constituted for this purpose. - We give you the right-hand of fellowship to take of this office and us.

Then a suitable Psalm or Hymn may be sung, to be followed by the Benediction:

THE grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Ghost, be with you all. *Amen.*

AN ORDER FOR THE DESIGNATION OF MISSIONARIES

At the time appointed the Missionaries to be designated to their fields of service being seated in a front pew, the presiding Minister and other representatives of the Presbytery and of the Assembly's Board of Missions, after prayer together in the vestry, shall take their places in and beside the pulpit.

The Minister presiding may recite the commission of our Lord, and offer a prayer of Invocation:

JESUS spake unto His disciples, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth. Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost; teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world.

Let us pray.

O GOD, the Fountain of all truth and grace, who hast called us out of darkness into Thy marvellous light by the gracious coming of Thy Son, the Brightness of Thy Glory: grant that we may be so illumined and led in Him who is the way and the truth and the life, that our way may be peace, and our work righteousness, and the end everlasting life: through Him who, with the Father and the Holy Spirit, is glorified, one God, in light evermore. *Amen.*

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Then shall be sung a
Psalm or Hymn.

The Minister presiding shall read a short passage from

Holy Scripture (*see selection in Lectionary, p. 240.*)

Then shall the Minister address the People in these or the like words :

DEAR Brethren,
We are met here by appointment of the Presbytery and the Assembly's Board of Missions to set apart these our brethren unto the service of the kingdom in their several spheres of labour, to confirm their purpose of self-devotion with the seal and blessing of the Church of Jesus Christ, and in united prayer to commend them to the gracious keeping and constant help of Him whose commission they bear.

Here the presiding Minister or other person appointed to the duty shall give a prepared statement of the names, past record, and spheres of service of those about to be designated ; of their specific missionary functions, whether as evangelists, pastors, teachers, medical or industrial workers, or deaconesses ; and of those who will maintain them.

The Minister shall then call upon them to stand, and shall address them, with appropriate questions, in these or the like words :

BELOVED Brethren in the Lord,
Forasmuch as you have heard and answered the call of the great King and Head of the Church for more labourers to go into His harvest; forasmuch as in His Church you have been counted faithful and worthy to be put into this ministry within His kingdom; we in His Holy

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Name and on behalf of His Church do now in this public Act charge you with this grave and blessed trust as missionaries of the Cross, and with prayer and thanksgiving set you apart for the special work to which you are designated.

As a renewed assurance of your faith and integrity of purpose, you will answer the questions we have to put to you.

Do you believe the Word of God contained in the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments to be the only infallible rule of faith and duty?

(Ans.)—I do.

Do you declare anew your loyalty to the Church of the living God, and to Jesus Christ as the Son of God and the Saviour of the world, whose Name is above every other name, and in whose Name every knee shall bow?

(Ans.)—I do.

Do you devote yourself to the missionary work of the Church, engaging in this solemn undertaking with a deep sense of its responsibilities and opportunities, and, in discharge of its arduous duties, do you resolve to endure hardness as good soldiers of Jesus Christ, that, when He shall appear, you may receive a crown of righteousness that fadeth not away?

(Ans.)—I do.

As ye go, preach, saying, The kingdom of heaven is at hand; freely ye have received, freely give.

God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath commanded His Gospel to be preached unto all men, and who hath given you this grace that you should preach (among the Gentiles) the unsearchable riches of Christ: multiply His graces

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unto you, illumine you with His Holy Spirit, comfort and strengthen you, unto the extension of Christ's kingdom, the increase of His Church, and finally to the plain discharge and assurance of your own conscience in the day of the Lord.

Since no man is sufficient for these things, let us call upon God in prayer.

Let us pray.

O GOD, the Hope of all the ends of the earth, who didst manifest Thy love by sending Thine only-begotten Son into the world that all might live through Him: we beseech Thee to send forth labourers into Thy harvest, and to fill them with faith and the Holy Ghost. Pour forth Thy Spirit upon all flesh, and hasten the time when the fulness of the nations shall be gathered into Thy kingdom.

O Lord, who art the Light and Desire of all nations, and who hast been pleased to dispose the hearts of these Thy servants to bear witness to that Light in dark places: hear the prayers of Thy people for those who, at Thy call, go forth to preach the Gospel, teach the ignorant, heal the sick, and help the weak. Let Thy Spirit rest in power upon the witness of Thy messengers. We beseech Thee to sustain them in times of loneliness and sickness; to protect them in all perils by land or sea; to preserve them from pestilence and from persecution, from discouragement, impatience, doubt, and discord. May they daily enjoy the comforting sense of the presence of the Lord Jesus. By Thy gracious guidance shew them day by day the way wherein they should go. Grant them enduring courage and sound judgment. By the same love wherewith Jesus Christ draws all unto Himself, may they in love for all have a right understanding

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of the hearts of men, and grace to commend to all the Gospel of the grace of Him who is able to save to the uttermost. While they plant and water, Lord, send Thou the increase.

Quicken, we beseech Thee, O Lord, the Church at home with a deepened sense of responsibility in personal stewardship and in prayer for the spread of Thy kingdom throughout the world. May we and all who have freely received the tender mercy of our God be willing to give the best and dearest we have, that the dayspring from on high which has visited us may give light to them that sit in darkness, and guide our feet into the way of peace, to the glory of Jesus Christ our Lord.

The Lord's Prayer may be said by Minister and People together.

Our Father which art in heaven, &c. *Amen.*

The right hand of fellowship may now be given to the designated Missionaries.

Then may be sung
a missionary Hymn.

The Minister presiding or some other appointed for the duty shall give an Address to the persons designated and to the Congregation present, to be followed by

A Hymn, and the Benediction.

AN ORDER FOR THE INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS AND TEACHERS OF THE CHURCH SCHOOL

On the Sunday appointed for the purpose a Service for the Installation of Officers and Teachers of the Church School may be held at the regular hour of Public Worship.

The Officers and Teachers being seated together at the front of the Church, Divine Worship shall be celebrated according to the usual order. The following are among the readings from Holy Scripture appropriate to the occasion : Deut. 6. 4-8 ; Ps. 78. 1-8 ; St. Luke 2. 40-52 ; 18. 15-17 ; 2 Tim. 1. 1-14 ; 3. 14-17. The sermon may dwell upon the teaching function of the Church, the responsibility of all Christians for the diffusion of the Gospel and the upbuilding of the young in Christian character, and upon the necessity of co-operation between the Home and the Church School.

A Hymn invoking the Holy Spirit may then be sung, after which the Minister, having called upon the Officers and Teachers to rise, shall give them an Address in these words, or after this manner :

IN calling you to this place of leadership in the Church School we are conferring on you a sacred trust, extending to you a high privilege, and laying upon you great responsibility. You are appointed to share with Parents, Minister, and Session the

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great task of the Church in seeking to bring those entrusted to you to a knowledge of Christ, and in training them in Christian ways of thinking, feeling, and acting. The Church School exists that those who are being educated therein may have a progressive experience in Christian living through their participation in worship, instruction, service, and recreation, and that it may be a centre of influence for the ordering of the higher life of the community.

Through this training in the Christian life in its various aspects we, with you, hope and pray that those committed to your care may become loyal followers of the Lord Jesus Christ; and, as they grow year by year more devoted to His cause, may bear a valiant part in the upbuilding of the Kingdom of God, and in promoting the well-being of the great brotherhood of mankind.

In undertaking this sacred trust it is essential that you draw constantly on the boundless resources of God in order to cultivate mind and heart for the difficult and delicate duties of your office, and co-operate with the home and all other agencies in order to make the School of this Church a veritable School of Christ.

The Minister shall then lay the Charge upon those to be installed after this manner :

Do you accept this as your purpose, and do you engage with the Divine strength to discharge these duties faithfully?

(Ans.)—I do.

The Minister shall then say :

In the Name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by authority of the Session of this Church I now appoint you to your several duties, assuring you that we, Minister, Session, and Congregation, do engage to

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support you with intercession, encouragement, and active co-operation.

The Minister may then ask the Congregation to rise in token of its assent ; after which he may pronounce upon the Officers and Teachers installed the Blessing :

The Lord bless thee and keep thee; the Lord make his face shine upon thee, and be gracious unto thee; the Lord lift up his countenance upon thee, and give thee peace.

Or this may be sung by the Congregation as a prayer (Book of Praise, 826).

A Prayer of Dedication shall be offered by the Minister, after this manner :

Let us pray.

HOLY and loving Father, we bless Thee for our heritage in the household of faith, for Thy holy Word and the fellowship of the Church of Thy dear Son. Receive, we beseech Thee, these Thy servants who at Thy call offer themselves for the training of the young. Endue them with a full sense of their high stewardship, of their responsibilities and opportunities. Illumine their minds with an increasing knowledge of Christ, and quicken in them a sure insight into the needs and ways of children. Open the Scriptures to their understanding, and the hearts of the young to their tuition and influence. Enable them to speak the truth in love and in the patience of hope; and with all prayer and wisdom to win young hearts for Thee and to commend to them the love of Christ who laid His hands upon such and blessed them. May they ever be conscious that they are working together with Thee, and Thou with them.

O gracious Father, we pray that they may be taught of Thee and be apt to teach, and that in this

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school of Jesus Christ those entrusted to their care may learn of Him. Grant, we entreat Thee, that they may be securely stablished in the Christian Faith and fold, and in the ways of pure and dutiful living. May Home and School together be the nursery and training-ground of strong and worthy citizens, and of faithful disciples and good soldiers of Jesus Christ.

Hallow, O Lord, the homes from which they come, and bless those to whom they are most precious. Stir and inspire parents and friends to realize their sacred trust from which there is no discharge, and faithfully to perform their part in the Christian nurture of the young.

In every age do Thou raise up a generation to praise Thee, and a succession of faithful men and women as ensamples and guardians of the flock, that, when the Chief Shepherd shall appear, they shall receive a crown of glory that fadeth not away. This we ask in the Name of Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

*A Hymn of Christian Service may then be sung,
after which the Benediction shall be pronounced.*

NOW the God of peace, that brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ: to whom be glory for ever and ever. *Amen.*

A GENERAL ORDER OF WORSHIP FOR THE CHURCH SCHOOL

The playing of quiet music before the opening of service will help to create the right atmosphere ; or attention may be secured through the use of a brief story or illustration bearing on the theme about which each service should gather. A short opening period may be used with advantage for memorizing Scripture, learning new hymns, announcements, &c., before the worship begins.

*When the service is about to commence an **Instrumental Prelude**, which may be the tune of the hymn about to be sung, ought to be played. The school should rise at a given signal at the close of the prelude and remain standing from the opening of service until the first hymn has been sung. It is desirable that during the call to worship and opening prayer the doors be closed and unnecessary movement avoided. About 20 minutes will be required for the Opening Worship, 30 minutes for the Study Period, and 10 minutes for Closing.*

I. Call to Worship.¹

Leader : O come let us worship and bow down:

Let us kneel before the Lord our Maker.

School : Let us come before his presence with
thanksgiving,

And make a joyful noise unto him with
Psalms.

(or other suitable Scripture sentences such as
are found in the Book of Praise.)

¹ As an alternative order for the beginning of service the Hymn (3) may be set first in order, followed by the Opening Prayer, the Call to Worship being omitted.

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2. Prayer.

Leader : Our Father in heaven, as we come before Thee now we pray that we may worship Thee with pure hearts and willing minds. Keep us from wandering thoughts and careless behaviour; and grant that our prayers and praises may be pleasing to Thee: through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All : Our Father which art in heaven . . . *Amen*
(recited, or sung as in Book of Praise, 832).

3. Hymn (*usually of Worship and Praise*).

4. Scripture Reading or Recitation.

(*For recitation, the Psalms or other Scripture passages being memorized may be used here.*)

5. Hymn (*usually in relation to the Worship theme for the day*).

6. Prayer.

ALMIGHTY and most merciful God, who hast invited us to come to Thee as children to a father, hear us as we offer to Thee our humble prayer. Forgive our sins, we entreat Thee, and help us so to live that we may be pleasing in Thy sight: through Him who loved us and gave Himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Giver of all gifts, we thank Thee for them every one; most of all for Christ our Saviour. We pray for pure hearts and clean lips. Help us to love that which is good; to hate evil; to be fair in play, earnest in work, and faithful in everything. Make us kindly in thought, gentle in word, generous in deed. Teach us that it is better to give than to receive, better to minister than to be ministered unto. And unto Thee, the God of Love, be glory and praise, forever, *Amen*.

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7. Story or Talk (*related to the Worship theme of the day*).
8. Hymn, or Recitation of the Commandments concluding with the Great Commandment (*preferably with musical response as in Book of Praise, 831*).
- Leader* : Hear also the words of the Lord Jesus, when He saith:
Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it. Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets (Matt. 22. 37-40).
9. Offering with Prayer of Dedication (*when taken at the general worship*).
10. Instruction.

At least 30 minutes should be provided for uninterrupted Bible Study in classes.

11. Hymn. (*This hymn may be chosen with a view to the missionary or service work of the school.*)
12. Prayer. (*The following prayer may be used, or one prepared by the various classes voicing the common desires of the school. For illustrations see 'Manual for Training in Worship' by Prof. Hartshorne.*)

HEAVENLY Father, we thank Thee for the help which we have now received. Forgive what Thou hast seen amiss in us; and grant that what we have heard we may remember, and what we remember we may try to do.

We pray for King and Country, that we may be a people fearing Thee and working righteousness.

And now we commend to Thy fatherly care and keeping all whom we love; and pray Thee to guard us and them in all dangers and temptations:

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through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with Thee and the Holy Ghost, be honour and glory, world without end. *Amen.*

13. Benediction.

THE grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Ghost be with you all. *Amen.*

14. Dismissal Period.

Distribution of papers and other matters not attended to before the opening may now be effected, but should not be introduced during the service.

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A theme should be chosen such as 'God's Love' or 'The Heavenly Father's Care', &c., around which the programme would be planned. During the pre-session period all records may be marked and hand work done or memory or other drill work carried out.

OPENING SERVICE OF WORSHIP (about 20 min.)

1. Call to Order. (*Through the use of any quiet, reverential music or the singing of a hymn such as 'The Quiet Sabbath Day is Here' from 'Songs for Little People'.*)
2. Opening Talk. (*To create the proper attitude of mind for worship a brief informal talk may be given about one of God's gifts, or a verse or thought from God's Book, or an illustration from Nature.*)
3. Scripture. (*Verses repeated about Praise to God; e.g. Ps. 92. 1; 86. 12a.*)
4. Hymn of Praise (*Book of Praise, 720, or 'Praise Him, Praise Him', or 'Joyful Praise' from 'Carols'.*)
5. Scripture Responses—(a) about God's Day (*Ps. 118. 24; Ex. 20. 8*); (b) about God's House (*Ps. 122. 1; 100. 4*); (c) about God's Book (*Ps. 119. 11a, ending with the word 'heart'.*)
6. Hymn. (*Such as Book of Praise, 742, first verse and chorus.*)
7. Scripture. (*Verses about prayer, such as Luke 11. 1, 'Lord, teach us to pray'; Jas. 5. 16, 'Pray one for another'.*)

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8. **Prayer.** (*The Superintendent leading in a simple prayer, the children repeating phrase by phrase, or the Lord's Prayer repeated in unison.*)
9. **Offering.** (*The Superintendent may speak briefly of God's love and care expressed in the good gifts which He has given to His children, and leading up to the singing of a hymn.*)
 - (a) **Hymn** (*such as 'Giving Day by Day' from 'Carols'.*)
 - (b) **Presentation of Offering** (*the children may march in a quiet, orderly way.*)
 - (c) **Scripture** (*Responses about giving : Jas. 1. 17a, ending with the word 'Father'; 2 Cor. 9. 7c (God loveth a cheerful giver); Matt. 10. 8 (Freely ye have received, freely give); John 3. 16a, ending with the word 'Son'.*)
 - (d) **Prayer** (*such as With loving hearts, O Father, we bring our gifts to Thee, take them, use them, bless them, and bless us too we pray. Amen.*)

FELLOWSHIP SERVICE (about 10 min.)

Prior to this service, while quiet music is played, records may be marked which were not completed during the pre-session period.

Recognition of birthdays, visitors, Cradle Roll babies, and sick or other absent scholars.

INSTRUCTION PERIOD (about 25 min.)

- (a) **Story or Talk** (*about 10 min.*). *A story may be told or missionary instruction given and suitable hymn sung or verse of a new hymn taught.*
- (b) **Lesson Period** (*about 15 min.*). *Quiet music should be the signal for the close of this period.*

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CLOSING SERVICE OF WORSHIP (about 5 min.)

1. **Scripture Verse** (*related to the children's everyday life, such as Gen. 28. 15a ; Ps. 56. 3 ; Ps. 121. 5a, or the verse connected with the lesson for the day*).
2. **Hymn** (*Book of Praise, 722, or 'How Strong and Sweet my Father's Care' from 'Carols'*).
3. **Brief Prayer** (*ending with 'The Lord bless thee and keep thee, and make His face to shine upon thee, for evermore.' Amen*).

DISMISSAL PERIOD

Announcements, distribution of papers, orderly march for wraps.

Notes.

1. *The Scripture verses used in this service are taken from the memory verses of the Graded Lessons. They should be repeated from memory by the children.*

2. *As supplementary to the hymns for little children in the 'Book of Praise' others may be found in 'Songs for Little People', Pilgrim Press, Boston, and 'Carols', Leye Publishing Co., Wapello, Iowa.*

AN ORDER OF WORSHIP FOR OLDER BOYS AND GIRLS IN THE CHURCH SCHOOL

This is suggested as a type of brief service gathering about the theme 'Confidence', occupying about 15 minutes for the opening, and 5 minutes for the closing session.

1. Hymn: 'O Lord, Thou art my God and King.'
Book of Praise, 127 (verses 1 and 2 only, sung from memory).

2. Prayer:

O Lord our God, who requirest of us that we come before Thee with pure hearts, cleanse us from every unholy desire, and remove from us every vain and evil thought, that our worship may be pure and acceptable in Thy sight: through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

3. Scripture Reading: Joyous Confidence in God.
From Psalm 27.

Leader : The Lord is my light and my
 salvation;
 Whom shall I fear?

Boys and Girls : The Lord is the strength of my life;
 Of whom shall I be afraid?

Leader : Though an host should encamp
 against me,
 My heart shall not fear.

Boys and Girls : Though war should rise against
 me,
 Even then will I be confident.

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Leader : One thing have I desired of the
Lord,
That will I seek after;
That I may dwell in the house of
the Lord
All the days of my life;
To behold the beauty of the Lord,
And to inquire in His temple.

Boys and Girls : For in the time of trouble He shall
hide me in His pavilion;
In the secret of His tabernacle
shall He hide me;
He shall lift me up upon a rock.
And I will offer in His tabernacle
sacrifices of joy;
I will sing, yea, I will sing praises
unto the Lord.

Leader : Wait on the Lord, be of good
courage;
And He shall strengthen thine
heart.
Wait, I say, on the Lord.

4. Prayer in Unison:

Our Father which art in heaven, &c. *Amen (recited
or sung as in Book of Praise, 832).*

5. Hymn: 'Lead on, O King Eternal,' *Book of Praise, 540 (tune, Lancashire or Morning Light).*

6. Prayer:

Our God and Father in heaven, again we lift our
hearts to Thee in confidence and hope. As Thou
hast led our fathers in the way of life, so wilt Thou
lead us also. May the Holy Spirit dwell richly in us,
that we may become more worthy of Thy great love.

Our loving Father, who hast given us the new
commandment to love one another as Thou hast

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loved us, help us to be kindly affectioned and to love one another with a pure heart. May no hatred or envy dwell in our hearts. Keep our hands from selfish deeds and our lips from unkind words. Teach us to bring cheer to any who suffer, and to share freely with any who are in need. So may we help Thee, our Father, to bring peace, goodwill, and joy to all Thy children.

We pray for Home and Country, for Church and School. May we, in all the relations of life, seek to extend Thy kingdom and do Thy will.

And now we pray that this hour of worship may strengthen us for nobler living and prepare us for more consistent service in days to come.

This we ask in the Name of Jesus. *Amen*

7. Offering with Prayer of Dedication (*when taken at the general service*).

8. Instruction. (*A period of about 40 minutes should be available for Bible Study in classes.*)

9. Hymn: 'O Master, let me walk with Thee.'
(*Book of Praise, 582.*)

10. Prayer:

Most Merciful God, we beseech Thee to grant unto us that we may earnestly desire, and perfectly fulfil, those things which are well-pleasing in Thy sight, to the glory of Thy Holy Name. *Amen.*

11. Benediction:

The Lord bless thee and keep thee: the Lord make His face shine upon thee, and be gracious unto thee: the Lord lift up His countenance upon thee, and give thee peace. *Amen.*

(*Or this Blessing may be sung as a prayer by all, in the form 'The Lord bless us and keep us'. The music will be found in Book of Praise, 826.*)

The distribution of papers may here follow.

AN ORDER FOR LAYING THE FOUNDATION STONE OF A CHURCH

The people being assembled at the place where the Church is to be built, the Minister shall say :

OUR help is in the Name of the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

Except the Lord build the house, they labour in vain that build it.

Other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ.

Then shall be sung a suitable

Psalm or Hymn.

Then shall be read the

Scripture Lesson (1 Chron. 29. 10-18).

This done, the following Prayer may be said :

PREVENT us, O Lord, in all our doings with Thy most gracious favour, and further us with Thy continual help; that in all our works begun, continued, and ended in Thee, we may glorify Thy Holy Name, and finally by Thy mercy obtain everlasting life: through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Here may be said the Apostles' Creed.

I BELIEVE in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth:

And in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was

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crucified, dead, and buried: He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy Catholic Church; the Communion of Saints; the Forgiveness of sins; the Resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. *Amen.*

Here shall follow the Laying of the Stone. After such records and other articles as are to be preserved have been deposited in the cavity prepared for them, the Minister, or other person appointed for the purpose, assisted by the builder, shall lay the Stone in its place. Then the Minister, placing his hand on it, shall say:

IN the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost, we lay this corner-stone of a house to be erected under the name of . . . Church, and devoted to the worship of Almighty God.

‘Behold I lay in Zion a chief corner-stone, elect, precious: and he that believeth on him shall not be confounded.’

In this place may the faith flourish, the fear of God, the love of the brethren. Here may the voice of prayer continually be heard, the voice of rejoicing and salvation, the voice of praise and invocation of God’s most glorious and honourable Name, the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost, henceforth and for ever. *Amen.*

Then shall be said the Prayer of Dedication.

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, who hast built the living temple of Thy Church upon the foundation of the Apostles and Prophets, Jesus Christ Himself being the Chief Corner-stone: we beseech Thee to prosper this work of our hands,

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which we have undertaken for the upbuilding of Thy kingdom and the glory of Thy Church; and to this end, do Thou establish this stone which we now place in Thy Name.

Blessed be Thou, O Lord God, who hast put it into the hearts of Thy servants to build an house in which Thy Name may be worshipped, Thy Gospel preached, and Thy holy Sacraments administered for the comfort and salvation of men.

Be pleased to accept the humble offering of Thy servants and fulfil the desires of their hearts; that their work may be finished in strength and beauty, without accident, without loss of life or limb to those who labour with their hands upon it; and grant unto them, and all of us here present, Thy heavenly grace, that our gifts and all our service may be sanctified; and we may become in soul and body living temples of the Holy Ghost. All which we ask through the abundant merits of our Lord and Saviour, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end.

Our Father which art in heaven, hallowed be Thy Name, &c. *Amen.*

Here may be given an Address; after which the Offering may be received, and dedicated.

Then shall be sung a Hymn, or Psalm 72. 17-19 ('His name for ever shall endure').

The Benediction.

THE grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Ghost, be with you all. *Amen.*

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On the day appointed, the Congregation being assembled, the presiding Minister may call the people to worship in manner following :

SERVE the Lord with gladness; enter into His gates with thanksgiving, and into His courts with praise.

O come, let us worship and bow down; let us kneel before the Lord our Maker. For He is our God; and we are the people of His pasture, and the sheep of His hand.

Let us pray.

O GOD, Eternal and ever Blessed, who delightest in the assemblage of Thy people in the sanctuary, receive us graciously as we come into Thy house in the multitude of Thy mercies, and grant, we entreat Thee, that peace and prosperity may be found within these walls, that the glory of God may be the light thereof, and that we may be satisfied with the goodness of Thy house: through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

An appropriate Psalm or Hymn shall be sung. Then Prayer shall be made, after the following manner :

ALmighty God, the Fountain of all good, cleanse us, we beseech Thee, with Thy Holy Spirit, that we may worship Thee, the God of our fathers, in spirit and in truth.

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We bless Thee for the Church of our fathers; for her witness to Christ; for her labours to train up a godly seed to serve Thee; and for all her ministrations of the Gospel of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

Let Thy blessing descend abundantly upon the whole Church of Christ. Preserve her in purity and peace. May the company of the faithful continue steadfast, be of one heart and mind, and be filled with joy and the Holy Ghost.

O Thou Lord of the harvest, send forth, we entreat Thee, labourers into Thy harvest, until those who are living in the darkness of error and sin shall be illumined with the light of the Gospel, and the kingdoms of this world become the kingdom of our Lord and His Christ. We beseech Thee to hear us through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom with Thee the Father and the Holy Ghost be all honour and glory, world without end. *Amen.*

Here follows the reading of Holy Scripture—
I Kings 8. 22-53; I Chron. 29. 1-25; Psalm 84; Hebrews 10. 19-25, or other appropriate passage.

Thereafter shall follow the recitation of the Apostles' Creed:

I BELIEVE in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth:

And in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried: He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy Catholic

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Church; the Communion of Saints; the Forgiveness of sins; the Resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. *Amen.*

*An appropriate Psalm or Hymn shall be sung.
Then shall the Minister presiding say :*

BELOVED in the Lord,
We, the Presbytery of A—, rejoicing with you that God has put it into your hearts to build this house to the glory of His Holy Name, are met with you to consecrate and set it apart for the worship of Almighty God according to the rites of our Church. Let us, therefore, as we are assembled, solemnly dedicate this place to its proper and sacred uses.

*Then, all standing, the presiding Minister shall say,
the people responding :*

Minister : To the glory of God the Father, who has
called us by his grace;
And of His Son, who loved us and gave
Himself for us;
And of the Holy Spirit, who illumines and
sanctifies us:
We dedicate this house.

People : Amen.

Minister : For the worship of God in prayer and
praise;
For the preaching of the everlasting Gospel;
For the celebration of the Holy Sacraments:
We dedicate this house.

People : Amen.

Minister : For comfort to all who mourn;
For strength to those who are tempted;
For light to those who seek the way:
We dedicate this house.

People : Amen.

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Minister : For the hallowing of family life;
For teaching and guiding the young;
For the perfecting of the saints:
We dedicate this house.

People : Amen.

Minister : For the promotion of righteousness;
For the diffusion of knowledge;
For the extension of the kingdom of God:
We dedicate this house.

People : Amen.

Minister : In the unity of the faith;
In the bond of Christian brotherhood;
In charity and goodwill to all:
We dedicate this house.

People : Amen.

Minister : In gratitude for the labours of all the
saints;
In loving remembrance of those who have
finished their course;
In the hope of a blessed immortality
through Jesus Christ our Lord:
We dedicate this house.

People : Amen.

Minister and People :

We now, the people of this Church and
Congregation, compassed about with a
great cloud of witnesses, grateful for our
heritage, sensible of the sacrifice of the
fathers, confessing that apart from us
their work cannot be made perfect, do
dedicate ourselves anew to the worship
and service of Almighty God.

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The Minister presiding shall then say :

Let us pray.

O ETERNAL God, mighty in power, of majesty incomprehensible, whom the heaven of heavens cannot contain, much less the walls of temples made with hands; and who yet hast been graciously pleased to promise Thy especial presence in whatsoever place two or three of Thy faithful servants shall assemble in Thy Name; be pleased, O Lord, to be present with us as we are now gathered together with all humility and readiness of heart, to consecrate this place to the honour of Thy great Name; separating it henceforth from all unhallowed uses; and dedicating it entirely to Thy service, for reading therein Thy most Holy Word, for celebrating Thy holy Sacraments, for offering unto Thee the sacrifice of prayer and thanksgiving, for blessing Thy people in Thy Name, and for all other holy ordinances.

Accept, O Lord, this service at our hands, and bless it with such success as may most tend to Thy glory and the salvation of Thy people: through Jesus Christ our Lord and Saviour. *Amen.*

REGARD, O Lord, the supplications of Thy servants, and grant that whosoever shall confess their sins and offer up their prayers and praises unto Thee in this place may draw near unto Thee in steadfastness of faith and devout affection, that they may be graciously accepted in Thy sight, and enabled so to serve and worship Thee here below, that finally they may be received into Thy presence to praise and glorify Thee for evermore. *Amen.*

GRANT, O Lord, that by Thy Holy Word, which shall be read and preached in this place, the hearers thereof may both perceive and know what

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things they ought to do, and also may have grace and power faithfully to fulfil the same. *Amen.*

GRANT, O Lord, that whosoever shall be dedicated unto Thee in this house by Baptism may be sanctified by Thy Holy Spirit, and, being made a living member of Christ's Church, may ever remain in the number of Thy children. *Amen.*

GRANT, O Lord, that those who in this place shall in their own persons renew the promises and vows made for them at their Baptism, may receive such a measure of Thy Holy Spirit that they may grow in grace until they come to Thine everlasting kingdom. *Amen.*

GRANT, O Lord, that whosoever shall receive in this place the blessed sacrament of the body and blood of Christ, may do so with a penitent heart, lively faith, and perfect charity; and, being filled with Thy grace and heavenly benediction, may to their great and endless comfort obtain remission of their sins, and all other benefits of His passion. *Amen.*

GRANT, O Lord, that whosoever shall be joined together in this place in the holy estate of matrimony, may faithfully perform and keep the vow and covenant between them made, and may remain in perfect love together unto their lives' end. *Amen.*

All these prayers and supplications we make in the Name and through the mediation of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Our Father which art in heaven, &c. *Amen.*

The Minister presiding shall now declare the Church dedicated to the service of Almighty God, saying :

This House, which has been built for the honour

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and service of Almighty God, is now solemnly dedicated unto the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, one living and true God: to whom be glory and majesty, dominion and power, for ever and ever.

After this may be sung the Te Deum, or other appropriate Hymn or Psalm. Then follow the Offering, the Sermon, and a Prayer after the following manner :

Let us pray.

BLESSED be Thy Name, O Lord, that it hath pleased Thee to put it into the hearts of Thy servants to build this house to Thy honour and worship. Bless, O Lord, them and their families and their substance, and accept the work of their hands; and grant that all who shall enjoy the benefits of this their labour may shew forth their thankfulness by making a right use of it, to the glory of Thy blessed Name: through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

BLESSED be Thy Name, O Lord God, for that it hath pleased Thee to have Thy habitation among the sons of men and to dwell in the midst of the assembly of the saints on earth. Bless, we beseech Thee, the religious solemnities of this day, and grant that in this place now set apart to Thy service, Thy Holy Name may be worshipped in truth and purity to all generations: through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

After Praise shall follow the Benediction:

THE peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of His Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be amongst you and remain with you always. *Amen.*

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Directory Note.

The Church being completed and furnished with a pulpit, font, and Communion Table, the Communion vessels, if new, being placed on the Communion Table, public worship may begin when the Moderator of the Presbytery (previously constituted by prayer), the Moderator of Session, and other members of Presbytery enter through the main door of the Church, while Psalm 24 is being sung.

AN ORDER FOR THE UNVEILING AND DEDICATION OF A TABLET OR OTHER MEMORIAL

It is desirable that the earlier portion of the Service, including the Sermon, should be shortened.

The Memorial should be covered with a suitable screen of cloth, which may easily be drawn aside.

The Sermon being ended, the Hymn, For all the saints, or other appropriate Psalm or Hymn, shall be sung.

The Minister, accompanied by the friends of the deceased, shall proceed to the spot where the Memorial is placed ; and, the music being ended, and the People still standing, he shall there make a statement relative to the person or persons in whose memory it has been set up.

Then shall the Memorial be handed over to the care of the Church authorities, represented by the Minister, in the following words: In the name of . . . (or, In Memory of . . .), we hand over this Memorial to your charge and keeping.

To which the Minister, as guardian, shall reply :

WE accept the sacred trust, and shall guard it in honour of the faithful and devoted life to whose memory it is set up.

Here the Memorial shall be unveiled, either by the Minister or some other. If by some other, the Minister may add the words—And we request . . . now to unveil it.

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Then shall the Minister dedicate the Memorial :

IN the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost, I dedicate this Memorial to the glory of God, and as a tribute to this noble and devoted life, to whose memory it is set up.

Here shall follow the Prayer of Dedication:

Let us pray.

ALMIGHTY God, our heavenly Father, without whom no word or work of ours availeth, but who deignest to accept the work of our hands, for the beautifying of Thy house; we beseech Thee to grant us Thy grace and blessing, as we do now set apart this memorial to the glory of Thy Name, and in honour of Thy servant, who lived and died in Thy service, and whom Thou hast called into rest.

We bless Thy Name for all that was true, steadfast, and devoted in the life of *him* whom we now remember; for the noble example *he* has left us of faith and hope and duty: and we pray that the memory of *his* faith and devotion may stimulate all who behold this work to a like zeal and fearlessness in the warfare of daily life.

Almighty God, the Father of our spirits: we remember at this time, with thanksgiving, all true and righteous souls, especially those known and dear to our hearts, who in their day and generation witnessed a good confession, whose memorial Thou hast set on high, and whose names Thou hast made to shine as the stars for ever. We would keep our love for them unwasted and unchanged, till we meet them again in a fairer world. Comfort us with great assurance as we think of them in this quiet hour. And may we who remain draw nearer to each other in all helpful sympathy and service, while for us the light shines

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and darkness lingers: through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Whereupon all shall return to their places.

An Address may here be given.

A Hymn may then be sung, to be followed by the Benediction:

THE peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of His Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be amongst you and remain with you always. *Amen.*

PART III

THE VISITATION OF THE SICK

SELECT SCRIPTURE READINGS
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The Need and Promise of Pardon.

Psalm 32.

BLESSED is he whose transgression is forgiven,
whose sin is covered.

Blessed is the man unto whom the Lord imputeth
not iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no guile.

When I kept silence, my bones waxed old through
my roaring all the day long.

For day and night thy hand was heavy upon
me: my moisture is turned into the drought of
summer.

I acknowledged my sin unto thee, and mine
iniquity have I not hid. I said, I will confess my
transgressions unto the Lord; and thou forgavest
the iniquity of my sin.

St. John 3. 16.

GOD so loved the world, that he gave his only
begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in
him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

For God sent not his Son into the world to con-
demn the world; but that the world through him
might be saved.

He that believeth on him is not condemned: but
he that believeth not is condemned already, because
he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten
Son of God.

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Romans 5. 6-II.

WHEN we were yet without strength, in due time Christ died for the ungodly.

For scarcely for a righteous man will one die: yet peradventure for a good man some would even dare to die.

But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.

Much more then, being now justified by his blood, we shall be saved from wrath through him.

For if, when we were enemies, we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, being reconciled, we shall be saved by his life.

And not only so, but we also joy in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom we have now received the atonement.

See also Exod. 34. 4-7 ; St. Luke 7. 36-48 ; 15. 3-7 ; 11-24 ; 1 John 1. 8-10 ; 2. 1, 2.

The Uses of Affliction.

Romans 5.

THEREFORE being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ:

By whom also we have access by faith into this grace wherein we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God.

And not only so, but we glory in tribulations also: knowing that tribulation worketh patience;

And patience, experience; and experience, hope:

And hope maketh not ashamed; because the love of God is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost which is given unto us.

2 Corinthians 4. 6.

GOD, who commanded the light to shine out of darkness, hath shined in our hearts, to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

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But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, that the excellency of the power may be of God, and not of us.

We are troubled on every side, yet not distressed; we are perplexed, but not in despair;

Persecuted, but not forsaken; cast down, but not destroyed;

Always bearing about in the body the dying of the Lord Jesus, that the life also of Jesus might be made manifest in our body.

For we which live are alway delivered unto death for Jesus' sake, that the life also of Jesus might be made manifest in our mortal flesh.

So then death worketh in us, but life in you.

We having the same spirit of faith, according as it is written, I believed, and therefore have I spoken; we also believe, and therefore speak;

Knowing that he which raised up the Lord Jesus shall raise up us also by Jesus, and shall present us with you.

For all things are for your sakes, that the abundant grace might through the thanksgiving of many redound to the glory of God.

For which cause we faint not; but though our outward man perish, yet the inward man is renewed day by day.

For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, worketh for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory;

While we look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen: for the things which are seen are temporal; but the things which are not seen are eternal.

2 Corinthians 12. 7.

LEST I should be exalted above measure through the abundance of the revelations, there was given to me a thorn in the flesh, the messenger of

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Satan to buffet me, lest I should be exalted above measure.

For this thing I besought the Lord thrice, that it might depart from me.

And he said unto me, My grace is sufficient for thee: for my strength is made perfect in weakness. Most gladly therefore will I rather glory in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me.

Therefore I take pleasure in infirmities, in reproaches, in necessities, in persecutions, in distresses for Christ's sake: for when I am weak, then am I strong.

Hebrews 12.

WHEREFORE seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us,

Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God.

For consider him that endured such contradiction of sinners against himself, lest ye be wearied and faint in your minds.

Ye have not yet resisted unto blood, striving against sin.

And ye have forgotten the exhortation which speaketh unto you as unto children, My son, despise not thou the chastening of the Lord, nor faint when thou art rebuked of him:

For whom the Lord loveth he chasteneth, and scourgeth every son whom he receiveth.

If ye endure chastening, God dealeth with you as with sons; for what son is he whom the father chasteneth not?

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But if ye be without chastisement, whereof all are partakers, then are ye bastards, and not sons.

Furthermore we have had fathers of our flesh which corrected us, and we gave them reverence: shall we not much rather be in subjection unto the Father of spirits, and live?

For they verily for a few days chastened us after their own pleasure; but he for our profit, that we might be partakers of his holiness.

Now no chastening for the present seemeth to be joyous, but grievous: nevertheless afterward it yieldeth the peaceable fruit of righteousness unto them which are exercised thereby.

I Peter 1. 3.

BLESSED be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, which according to his abundant mercy hath begotten us again unto a lively hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,

To an inheritance incorruptible, and undefiled, and that fadeth not away, reserved in heaven for you,

Who are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.

Wherein ye greatly rejoice, though now for a season, if need be, ye are in heaviness through manifold temptations:

That the trial of your faith, being much more precious than of gold that perisheth, though it be tried with fire, might be found unto praise and honour and glory at the appearing of Jesus Christ:

Whom having not seen, ye love; in whom, though now ye see him not, yet believing, ye rejoice with joy unspeakable and full of glory:

Receiving the end of your faith, even the salvation of your souls.

See also Psalm 119. 67, 71.

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Divine Support under Affliction.

Psalm 46.

GOD is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

Therefore will not we fear, though the earth be removed, and though the mountains be carried into the midst of the sea;

Though the waters thereof roar and be troubled, though the mountains shake with the swelling thereof.

There is a river, the streams whereof shall make glad the city of God, the holy place of the tabernacles of the most High.

God is in the midst of her; she shall not be moved: God shall help her, and that right early. . . .

Be still, and know that I am God: I will be exalted among the heathen, I will be exalted in the earth.

The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge.

Isaiah 43. 2; 63. 9.

WHEN thou passest through the waters, I will be with thee; and through the rivers, they shall not overflow thee: when thou walkest through the fire, thou shalt not be burned; neither shall the flame kindle upon thee.

For I am the Lord thy God, the Holy One of Israel, thy Saviour: I gave Egypt for thy ransom, Ethiopia and Seba for thee. . . .

In all their affliction he was afflicted, and the angel of his presence saved them: in his love and in his pity he redeemed them; and he bare them, and carried them all the days of old.

St. Matthew 11. 28.

COME unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.

See also Isaiah 49. 14-16; in Burial Service, St. John 14. 1-3.

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Assurance of Divine Mercy.

Psalm 34.

I WILL bless the Lord at all times: his praise shall continually be in my mouth.

My soul shall make her boast in the Lord: the humble shall hear thereof, and be glad.

O magnify the Lord with me, and let us exalt his name together.

I sought the Lord, and he heard me, and delivered me from all my fears.

They looked unto him, and were lightened: and their faces were not ashamed.

This poor man cried, and the Lord heard him, and saved him out of all his troubles.

The angel of the Lord encampeth round about them that fear him, and delivereth them.

O taste and see that the Lord is good: blessed is the man that trusteth in him.

O fear the Lord, ye his saints: for there is no want to them that fear him. . . .

The righteous cry, and the Lord heareth, and delivereth them out of all their troubles.

The Lord is nigh unto them that are of a broken heart; and saveth such as be of a contrite spirit.

Many are the afflictions of the righteous: but the Lord delivereth him out of them all.

Psalm 103. 10.

HE hath not dealt with us after our sins; nor rewarded us according to our iniquities.

For as the heaven is high above the earth, so great is his mercy toward them that fear him.

As far as the east is from the west, so far hath he removed our transgressions from us.

Like as a father pitieth his children, so the Lord pitieth them that fear him.

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For he knoweth our frame; he remembereth that we are dust.

As for man, his days are as grass: as a flower of the field, so he flourisheth.

For the wind passeth over it, and it is gone; and the place thereof shall know it no more.

But the mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting upon them that fear him, and his righteousness unto children's children;

To such as keep his covenant, and to those that remember his commandments to do them.

Isaiah 40. 27.

WHY sayest thou, O Jacob, and speakest, O Israel, My way is hid from the Lord, and my judgment is passed over from my God?

Hast thou not known? hast thou not heard, that the everlasting God, the Lord, the Creator of the ends of the earth, fainteth not, neither is weary? there is no searching of his understanding.

He giveth power to the faint; and to them that have no might he increaseth strength.

Even the youths shall faint and be weary, and the young men shall utterly fall:

But they that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint.

St. John 14. 27.

PEACE I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid.

See also Rom. 8. 18, 35, in Burial Service.

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Patience and Trust.

Psalm 25.

UNTO thee, O Lord, do I lift up my soul. . . .
Remember, O Lord, thy tender mercies and thy lovingkindnesses; for they have been ever of old.

Remember not the sins of my youth, nor my transgressions: according to thy mercy remember thou me for thy goodness' sake, O Lord. . . .

For thy name's sake, O Lord, pardon mine iniquity; for it is great.

What man is he that feareth the Lord? him shall he teach in the way that he shall choose. . . .

The secret of the Lord is with them that fear him; and he will shew them his covenant.

Mine eyes are ever toward the Lord; for he shall pluck my feet out of the net.

Turn thee unto me, and have mercy upon me; for I am desolate and afflicted.

The troubles of my heart are enlarged: O bring thou me out of my distresses.

Look upon mine affliction and my pain; and forgive all my sins.

O keep my soul, and deliver me: let me not be ashamed; for I put my trust in thee.

Psalm 27. 1-5, 8, 9, 14.

THE Lord is my light and my salvation: whom shall I fear? the Lord is the strength of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

When the wicked, even mine enemies and my foes, came upon me to eat up my flesh, they stumbled and fell.

Though an host should encamp against me, my heart shall not fear: though war should rise against me, in this will I be confident.

One thing have I desired of the Lord, that will

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I seek after; that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the Lord, and to inquire in his temple.

For in the time of trouble he shall hide me in his pavilion: in the secret of his tabernacle shall he hide me; he shall set me up upon a rock.

When thou saidst, Seek ye my face; my heart said unto thee, Thy face, Lord, will I seek.

Hide not thy face far from me; put not thy servant away in anger: thou hast been my help; leave me not, neither forsake me, O God of my salvation.

Wait on the Lord: be of good courage, and he shall strengthen thine heart: wait, I say, on the Lord.

Psalm 121.

I WILL lift up mine eyes unto the hills, from whence cometh my help.

My help cometh from the Lord, which made heaven and earth.

He will not suffer thy foot to be moved: he that keepeth thee will not slumber.

Behold, he that keepeth Israel shall neither slumber nor sleep.

The Lord is thy keeper: the Lord is thy shade upon thy right hand.

The sun shall not smite thee by day, nor the moon by night.

The Lord shall preserve thee from all evil: he shall preserve thy soul.

The Lord shall preserve thy going out and thy coming in from this time forth, and even for evermore.

1 Peter 4. 12; 5. 6.

BELOVED, think it not strange concerning the fiery trial which is to try you, as though some strange thing happened unto you:

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But rejoice, inasmuch as ye are partakers of Christ's sufferings; that, when his glory shall be revealed, ye may be glad also with exceeding joy.

Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, that he may exalt you in due time:

Casting all your care upon him, for he careth for you.

Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour:

Whom resist stedfast in the faith, knowing that the same afflictions are accomplished in your brethren that are in the world.

But the God of all grace, who hath called us unto his eternal glory by Christ Jesus, after that ye have suffered a while, make you perfect, stablish, strengthen, settle you.

To him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen.

See also Psalm 23, in Burial Service; James 5. 7-11.

For the Dying.

St. John 17. 24.

FATHER, I will that they also, whom thou hast given me, be with me where I am; that they may behold my glory, which thou hast given me: for thou lovedst me before the foundation of the world.

2 Corinthians 5.

FOR we know that if our earthly house of this tabernacle were dissolved, we have a building of God, an house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.

For in this we groan, earnestly desiring to be clothed upon with our house which is from heaven:

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If so be that being clothed we shall not be found naked.

For we that are in this tabernacle do groan, being burdened: not for that we would be unclothed, but clothed upon, that mortality might be swallowed up of life.

Now he that hath wrought us for the selfsame thing is God, who also hath given unto us the earnest of the Spirit.

Therefore we are always confident, knowing that, whilst we are at home in the body, we are absent from the Lord:

(For we walk by faith, not by sight:)

We are confident, I say, and willing rather to be absent from the body, and to be present with the Lord.

I John 3.

BEHOLD, what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called the sons of God: therefore the world knoweth us not, because it knew him not.

Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when he shall appear, we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is.

See also St. John 14. 1-6 ; Revelation 21. 1-7 ; 22. 1-5, 17. Also, in Burial Service, Psalm 23 ; Rom. 8. 18, 35 ff.

Recovery from Sickness.

Psalm 30.

I WILL extol thee, O Lord; for thou hast lifted me up, and hast not made my foes to rejoice over me.

O Lord my God, I cried unto thee, and thou hast healed me.

O Lord, thou hast brought up my soul from the

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grave: thou hast kept me alive, that I should not go down to the pit.

Sing unto the Lord, O ye saints of his, and give thanks at the remembrance of his holiness.

For his anger endureth but a moment; in his favour is life: weeping may endure for a night, but joy cometh in the morning. . . .

Hear, O Lord, and have mercy upon me: Lord, be thou my helper.

Thou hast turned for me my mourning into dancing: thou hast put off my sackcloth, and girded me with gladness;

To the end that my glory may sing praise to thee, and not be silent. O Lord my God, I will give thanks unto thee for ever.

Psalm 116.

I LOVE the Lord, because he hath heard my voice and my supplications.

Because he hath inclined his ear unto me, therefore will I call upon him as long as I live.

The sorrows of death compassed me, and the pains of hell gat hold upon me: I found trouble and sorrow.

Then called I upon the name of the Lord; O Lord, I beseech thee, deliver my soul.

Gracious is the Lord, and righteous; yea, our God is merciful.

The Lord preserveth the simple: I was brought low, and he helped me.

Return unto thy rest, O my soul; for the Lord hath dealt bountifully with thee.

For thou hast delivered my soul from death, mine eyes from tears, and my feet from falling.

I will walk before the Lord in the land of the living. . . .

What shall I render unto the Lord for all his benefits toward me?

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I will take the cup of salvation, and call upon the name of the Lord.

I will pay my vows unto the Lord now in the presence of all his people.

Romans 12.

I BESEECH you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service.

And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect will of God.

See also St. Mark 5. 18-20 ; Ephesians, 6. 10-18.

PRAYERS

For the Visitation of the Sick.

(1) Almighty God, Lord of life and death, in whose hand our breath is, and whose are all our ways, we turn to Thee. Lord, we believe; help Thou our unbelief, and lift us above the shadows of earth into the light of Thy countenance, and the comfort of Thy presence. Hear us in our prayers for Thy servant whom Thou hast called to the fellowship of the Saviour's sufferings. May *he* find in *his* pain the blessing which all Thy discipline contains; and dispose *him* to discern the working of Thy hand, and the graciousness of Thy purpose. Let not this darkness hide Thee from *him*; but may *he* feel Thee to be near, and know Thee to be good. Fill *his* heart with Thy consolations; and give *him* grace to learn Thy solemn lessons, that when *he* is raised up from this bed of pain *he* may walk before Thee in newness of life: through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

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(2) O Lord our God, who art the physician of our souls and of our bodies, who chastenest and again healest: we beseech Thee mercifully to look upon Thy servant, who seeketh in faith the blessing of renewed life at Thy hand. O Thou who didst send Thy Son to bear our sicknesses and carry our sorrows, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord have mercy upon this Thy servant, and give unto *him* to experience Thy healing power and virtue. Into Thy hands we commit *him*; unto Thy gracious mercy and protection we commend the keeping of *his* soul and body, as unto a faithful Creator and most merciful Saviour. *Amen.*

(3) Lord, behold, *he* whom Thou lovest is sick, but come and lay Thine hand upon *him* that *he* may live. Look, O merciful Lord of life and health, upon our loved one in *his* sickness. Restore *him* to health and strength, if it be Thy gracious will. Give *him* in the time of bodily weakness the renewal of Thy Spirit, and the upholding power of Thy love; and as all things work together for good to them that love Thee, so do Thou shed abroad in *his* heart Thy love, that out of *his* weakness *he* may be made strong in Thee, to bear and do Thy will and shew forth Thy love: for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

(4) O Lord God, in whose hand is the soul of every living thing, and the breath of all mankind: regard with tender compassion this Thy servant, whom it hath pleased Thee to visit with affliction. Be graciously near to *him* in the hour of *his* need. Grant unto *him*, we beseech Thee, true repentance for all *his* sins, a firm and steady trust in the merits of Thy Son Jesus Christ, and grace to be in perfect charity with all men. Enable *him* to cast all *his* cares on Thee, and to yield *himself* with childlike submission to Thy righteous will.

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God of all power and grace, bless, we entreat Thee, the means used for *his* recovery; stay the violence of disease; and raise *him* up from *his* bed of pain; that being delivered by Thy compassion he may walk before Thee in newness of life. (But if, O most wise and merciful Father, this sickness should be unto death, grant *him*, we humbly implore Thee, a comfortable release from *his* sufferings.) Let the arms of Thine everlasting love be around *him*, and when flesh and heart do fail, be Thou the strength of *his* heart, and *his* portion for evermore: through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

(5) O Lord Jesus Christ, Thou great Physician: look with Thy gracious favour upon this Thy servant; give wisdom and discretion to those who minister to *him* in *his* sickness; bless all the means used for *his* recovery; stretch forth Thy hand and, if it be Thy will, restore *him* to health and strength, that *he* may live to praise Thee for Thy goodness and Thy grace: to the glory of Thy Holy Name. *Amen.*

Thanksgiving for Recovery.

(6) Our God and Father, we bless Thee for Thy saving health, and praise Thee for Thy great mercy in restoring *him* who was sick. In the time of trouble Thou hast been gracious unto us. Thy chastening hand was upon us, but it was a hand of love. Grant that this visitation may leave such a blessing behind it that our future life may manifest more devotion to our Saviour, more humility and love, more earnestness of heart and life. O Holy Spirit, deepen Thy work in our souls, comfort us with Thine indwelling and abiding presence, and sanctify us wholly, that with thankful hearts we may henceforth be Thine entirely and live only to Thy glory. Grant this for the sake of Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

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A Prayer for Help under Bereavement.

(7) O Heavenly Father, help us to trust our loved ones to Thy care. When sorrow darkens our lives, help us to look up to Thee, remembering the cloud of witnesses by which we are compassed about. And grant that we on earth, rejoicing ever in Thy presence, may share with them the rest and peace which Thy presence gives: through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

(See also *Prayers in The Order for the Burial of the Dead*, pp. 155-6.)

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THE CHRISTIAN YEAR.

ADVENT.

Isa. 26. 1-9	St. Matt. 11. 2-10	Ps. 4
„ 32. 1-8, 16-18	„ 25. 1-13	„ 27
	St. Luke 3. 3-14	„ 40
	St. John 1. 19-28	„ 42, 43
	Rom. 13. 8-14	
	Phil. 4. 4-9	

CHRISTMAS.

Isa. 9. 2-7	St. Luke 2. 8-20	Ps. 85
„ 11. 1-10	St. Matt. 2. 1-12	„ 89
„ 40. 1-11	St. John 1. 1-18	„ 72
	Heb. 1. 1-9	„ 110
		„ 45

PALM SUNDAY.

Jer. 7. 1-11	St. Matt. 21. 1-11	Ps. 8
„ 7. 21-8	St. Luke 19. 28-48	„ 45

GOOD FRIDAY.

Isa. 52. 13-15 ; 53	St. Luke 23. 33-49	Ps. 40
Gen. 22. 1-19	St. John 19. 1-37	„ 22
Lev. 16.	St. Matt. 27. 45-66	„ 60
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Exod. 12. 1-28	St. Mark 16. 1-8	Ps. 111
„ 14	St. Luke 24. 1-12	„ 118
	„ 24. 13-35	„ 113
	St. John 20. 11-23	
	Acts 2. 22-33	
	1 Cor. 15. 49-58	
	Acts 13. 26-37	
	Rev. 1	

ASCENSION.

Isa. 35	St. Luke 24. 44-53	Ps. 47
Exod. 24	Eph. 4. 1-16	„ 24
2 Kings 2. 1-14	Heb. 4. 14-16	„ 20
	Acts 1. 1-11	„ 21
		„ 45

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WHIT-SUNDAY.

Isa. 60; 61	St. John 14. 15-27	Ps. 139
Jer. 31. 31-4	„ 16. 1-15	„ 145
Ezek. 37. 1-14	Acts 2. 1-11	„ 48
Joel 2. 21-32	Rom. 8. 11-17	„ 68
Deut. 16. 1-17	Gal. 5. 1, 16, 25	
	Eph. 4. 1-16	
	Acts 10. 34-48	

SEASONS OF THE YEAR AND SPECIAL OCCASIONS

END OF THE YEAR.

Deut. 8	St. Matt. 25. 31-46	Ps. 90
„ 26. 1-11	St. Luke 12. 13-34	„ 91
Job 14. 1-15	„ 12. 35-48	„ 103
Eccles. 3. 1-15	„ 13. 1-10	„ 121
„ 12. 1-7	2 Peter 3. 8-14	„ 32
Prov. 1. 20-33	Rom. 13. 8-14	„ 39
Habak. 3	St. Matt. 24. 36-51	

NEW YEAR.

Exod. 20. 1-17	St. Matt. 22. 37-40	Ps. 1
Deut. 11. 13-21, 26-8	Phil. 3. 1-16	„ 8
Prov. 3. 11-20	James 4. 13-17	„ 23
1 Chron. 29. 1-25	1 Thess. 5. 1-11	„ 37
	Eph. 5. 15-21	„ 27
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HARVEST-THANKSGIVING.

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„ 11	St. Luke 12. 13-21	„ 85
„ 28. 1-14	St. John 4. 31-8	„ 126
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„ 51. 12-16	St. Luke 9. 49-10. 9	
„ 63. 7-9	„ 10. 25-37	
	St. John 13. 1-17	
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„ 49	St. Luke 10. 1-20	„ 72
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„ 16	„ 27	„ 34
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or in subsequent constructions thereof, underlies several of them, along with the Directory for Public Worship (Scot., 1645).

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The Lord's Supper or Holy Communion, I.—The prayers are derived mainly from 'The Divine Service' by Rev. Dr. Wotherspoon (1893), The Book of Common Order (Euch.) and (St. Giles); the Service compiled by P. W. C. (M.).

The Lord's Supper or Holy Communion, II.—B. C. O. (Knox) and (Euch.); P. W. C.

The Baptism of Infants, I.—B. C. O. (Knox). II.—P. W. C. and B. C. O.

The Baptism of Adults.—B. C. O. (Knox) c., and P. W. C.

Admission to Full Communion.—P. W. C. and B. C. O. (Euch.)

Marriage, I.—P. W. C., B. C. P., B. C. O. II.—B. C. O. (Knox) and (Euch.), P. W. C.

Burial of the Dead.—(1) P. W. C. c. (2) B. C. O. (St. Giles). (3) B. C. P. (Can.). (4) B. C. O. (Euch.) a. (5) C. W. (6) P. W. C. c. (7) B. C. O. (Euch.) and (St. Giles). (8) Rev. Dr. MacLean Watt; cf. his 'Land of Memory' and South African Service Book and Ordinal, as above. (9) and (10) Manual of Forms, by Dr. A. A. Hodge. (11) B. C. P. 1549, altered later. (12) B. C. P. 1549. (13) Service Book and Ordinal, as above. (14) B. C. P. (Can.).

Licensing of Candidates to Preach.—(1) P. W. C.; cf. B. C. O. (2) P. W. C. c.; cf. C. W.

Ordination to the Holy Ministry.—B. C. O. (Euch.) and P. W. C.

Induction of Ministers.—B. C. O. (Knox) a., and (Euch.).

Ordination or Admission of Elders.—B. C. O. (Euch.) and C. W.

Designation of Missionaries.—(1) Anthology of Prayers. (2) P. W. C. (W).

Orders for the Installation of Officers and Teachers, and for the Worship, of the Church School.—Prepared by Joint Committee of Board of Sabbath Schools and P. W. C.

Laying the Foundation Stone of a Church.—(1) B. C. P. (2) Burns, and Service Book and Ordinal, as above: P. W. C. c.

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Dedication of a Church.—(1) and (2) P. W. C. c. (3) and (4) B. C. O. (Euch.) a., b.

Unveiling and Dedication of a Memorial.—Service Book and Ordinal, as above, a.

PART III.—THE VISITATION OF THE SICK

Prayers.—(1) 'Devotional Services', by Rev. Dr. John Hunter. (2) B. C. O. (Euch.). (3) Bishop Boyd Carpenter; cf. 'A Chain of Prayer'. (4) B. C. O. (Euch.). (5) B. C. P. (Can.). (6) Bishop Ashton Oxenden, Montreal. (7) B. C. P. (Can.).

*"O send out thy light, and thy truth :
let them lead me."*

1 LEAD, kindly Light, amid the encircling gloom,
 Lead Thou me on ;
The night is dark, and I am far from home,
 Lead Thou me on ;
Keep Thou my feet ; I do not ask to see
The distant scene ; one step enough for me.

2 I was not ever thus, nor prayed that Thou
 Shouldst lead me on ;
I loved to choose and see my path ; but now
 Lead Thou me on :
I loved the garish day, and, spite of fears,
Pride ruled my will: remember not past years.

3 So long Thy power hath blest me, sure it still
 Will lead me on,
O'er moor and fen, o'er crag and torrent, till
 The night is gone,
And with the morn those angel faces smile,
Which I have loved long since, and lost awhile.

